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KAPETANOVIC, RASIC IN MARCONI TURMOIL

Marconi is in turmoil.

It was announced over the weekend that Marconi has made a definite offer to Rale Rasic, one-time Marconi coach and also one-time national coach.

Domagoj Kapetanovic, the man who made an immense impact at Bossley Park this year to take his decimated side to within a whisker of getting into the top four, appears to be on the slide — or at least according to this latest offer.

Rasic's contract at Blacktown expires in mid-November, while Kapetanovic will cease to be the coach of Marconi at about the same time.

Marconi's hierarchy appears to be split down the middle on the issue of Rasic. Its offer to the Blacktown

coach came after the committee had voted six to five in favor of such an offer.

There is considerable dissatisfaction among many members of Marconi's social club on the issue and some vented their emotions inside the club house following the announcement at last Sunday's major semi-final between Croatia and Riverwood.

The outcome of the affair will be known soon.

Rasic, one of the most readily identifiable names in Australian soccer, was being sought by more clubs in the PSL with South Melbourne Hellas being among those mentioned.

While the drama goes on at Marconi it is wise to look at the other man in the Marconi wrangle — Dom Kapetanovic. How many people know this man, his footballing career, his successes as a player and later as a coach?

Despite being in Australia for almost two years I would venture to say — very few.

Kapetanovic has credentials and ability few people in Australia can match.

His playing career started in 1938 with the Yugoslav First Division club Concordia of Zagreb, then continued after

By
ALEX VESIC



Rale Rasic

Who's for Hellas?

South Melbourne Hellas was expected to appoint a new coach last night (Tuesday).

The contenders were Bobby McLachlan of Victorian champion club Green Gully-Ajax, former Sydney Olympic coach Doug Collins and Blacktown coach Rale Rasic.

Meanwhile, Hellas team manager Leo Anzakis has told the club he will relinquish his position at the club's annual meeting late in November.

Anzakis has been team manager for six years.

the war with Lokomotiva of Zagreb until 1952 when he made a move to Dinamo Zagreb where he remained to the end of his playing career in 1957.

During his last few years as a player he was completing the P.E. studies at tertiary level in Zagreb.

He was put through all coaching levels in Yugoslavia, starting with the junior Dinamo Zagreb side in 1957 as well as the Croatian State youth team. He was later to be an assistant to the National Youth coach and on occasions in charge of the Yugoslav "B" national side.

On one occasion he was an assistant to Miljan Miljanic with the Yugoslav "A" national team.

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Four clubs chase Katholos

The race for Peter Katholos is heating up.

Latest reports are that at least four clubs — St. George, South Melbourne-Hellas, Marconi and Sydney City Hakoah — have indicated they want to buy Katholos from Sydney Olympic.

Katholos has won two major best player awards this year: The Australian Player of the Year trophy presented by the Australian Soccer Press Association, and "Soccer Action's" best player award.

His contract with Olympic has expired and he is available at a maximum transfer fee of \$10,000.

Olympic is yet to offer his terms for a new contract.

Meanwhile, Katholos leaves on Sunday with the national squad which will compete in the Meriton Cup competition in Singapore.



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John Margaritis is back in Australia, still marvelling over the finest soccer player he has seen, and with news that George Koudas will play guest games here next year.

Margaritis, 44, the 1980 Australian Coach of the Year, has been holidaying in Europe after resigning from South Melbourne Hellas.

While in Greece he was asked by Koudas, the great Greek international forward, to arrange games for him in Australia.

"Koudas wants to play about 10 guest games with an Australian club after the Greek season ends, about June or July next year," Margaritis said.

"He is one of the all-time greats of Greek soccer and I'm sure any club here would benefit from his presence — not only through results but also at the gate. The Greek fans here would flock to see him."

Margaritis was enthralled by Soviet-born forward Vassilis Hatzipanais, the star of Iraklis.

Panathinaikos of Athens recently offered the equivalent of \$1.5 million to buy Hatzipanais who refused.

"Under the rules of Greek soccer," Margaritis explains, "you are a free player after eight years with one club. Hatzipanais so far has served Iraklis for seven years, and when the eight years are up, he'll be able to put more than half a million dollars in his own pocket when he transfers."

Margaritis rates Hatzipanais as the best player in Europe — better than Diego Maradona, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Paolo Rossi — the lot!

"He can do things I have never seen in my life — not even from Pele himself," Margaritis said.

"I saw him clip ball, make it spin over the head of an opponent, and regain possession on the other side."

"He will strike the ball and make it swerve one particular way as many times as you like. With free kicks he is unbelievable."

"In one game, he was on the byeline, in a position from which he could not score. There was a man on the other side, but he couldn't pass to him because the goalkeeper and a couple of defenders were in the way. So he ran away from the goal and then played a back-heel pass from 30 metres, straight to the other forward, who scored. The fans of both clubs went wild. They couldn't believe it."

"It's like that wherever he plays. The opposing fans love him just as much, because he's absolutely unbelievable."

"At first I thought he may be just a ball artist who is unable to cope in physical clashes. That is not so, however. He's a bit small but he's very tough, and he can take it."

Koudas here, Hatzipanais world's best?

They try to mark him man to man in Greece, but no-one is good enough to hold him. He makes fools of them all."

Margaritis played top soccer himself, with PAOK Solonika for six years and with the Greek national team, in the company of Nestoridis, Loukanidis and Stefanakos.

After joining South Melbourne Hellas in 1981, he played in four championship-winning teams, scoring about 15 goals a season from his mid-field position and also representing Victoria in the company of Rasic, van Alphen, Micic, Kowalec, Stanovic, Janczyk and Falzon.

He holds the English FA senior coaching badge and his coaching successes include having won a championship and the Coca-Cola Cup with West Adelaide; coming third with Heidelberg in the first PSL season, 1977; having won a championships and two Dockerty Cups with South Melbourne Hellas and having lifted Hellas from last in the PSL to second — the feat that earned him the 1980 Coach of the Year title.



John Margaritis

Margaritis quit Hellas early this year when it was suggested he should work under Tommy Docherty who would be the manager. Docherty did no better than Margaritis would have done with a Hellas a few weeks ago to rejoin Sydney Olympic.

Margaritis looked fit and relaxed and was bubbling with enthusiasm on his return from overseas.

Asked whether he would be coaching in the PSL next season, he said: "I'm open to offers. I'm itching for success."

Penrith a peach for the final

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Congratulations, national league!

The choice of Penrith Park as venue for the league grand final on Sunday must be applauded.

Penrith is a thriving regional centre, about 40 miles west of Sydney and within a short driving distance of soccer suburbs like Bankstown, Blacktown, Liverpool and Parramatta.

Let's face it, the two finalists — Sydney City Hakoah and St George Budapest — cannot by any stretch of the imagination command a big crowd, no matter where they play.

A neutral venue was of course necessary and usually the nod goes to the Sydney Sports Ground.

But soccer fans committed to neither club hardly would subject themselves to the long drive from the outer western suburbs to the edges of Darlinghurst.

Many of them will however pop in at Penrith, even if only through curiosity.

The St George supporters can't really complain. From their social club at Mordiallie, it's no further to Penrith than it is to the city.

Hakoah supporters unfortunately are inconvenienced, but if they're upset about it, they should blame their colleagues. Let's face it, if all the members of the Hakoah social club at Bondi were to attend the club's soccer games, they could name any venue of their choice. But if only a couple of hundred choose to support the team, they hardly can complain about this genuine attempt to spread the soccer gospel into the outer suburbs.

I'm sure both clubs will benefit, because the attendance will be bigger than it would have been in the city. The financial gain or otherwise depends on what kind of deal the league has managed to negotiate for ground rental.

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McKendry slams Press

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Heidelberg Alexander coach Len McKendry hit out this week at recurring press criticism of his team's style of play.

"The press talks about entertainment. That's a word which I've never seen defined by the soccer Press, yet used frequently," he said.

"What does the Press mean when it uses the word 'entertainment'? Do sides at the bottom of the PSL provide entertainment by giving away

goals? Is entertainment all about goalmouth action?

"Not enough intellect is used. Too often words just come out of a journalist's head without enough thought being given to their meaning."

"Soccer always has been and always will be about results. We averaged about 3,000 spectators at home this year. Take it from me, if we weren't the most successful side in Melbourne you could have cut that figure in half."

"Heidelberg's supporters are no different to any other side's supporters. They want to see Heidelberg win. It's as simple as that."

"I had only eight fit players



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Visiting Fantasyland for the 367,396th time

So help me God, it doesn't depress me any longer that soccer is not Australia's No. 1 winter sport.

I have learned to live with the knowledge that, in this country anyway, soccer interests mainly the various migrant groups; that we will never stage the World Cup, let alone win it.

Yes, I have made my peace with myself long ago. I am prepared to accept soccer as it is, with warts and all, an aberration for the Antipodeans, shunned by The Establishment, ignored by the Press, ridiculed by rival codes and hopelessly, forlornly and passionately loved by a handful.

Even the game's minority status has ceased to annoy or embarrass me; minorities always have held a fascination for me. For most of my life, I have been in a minority of one sort or another anyway.

What I do find intolerable, however, is that our Wise Leaders keep telling us that soccer's present status — Outcast, shunned, minority, a bizarre oddity — is of temporary nature only.

I wouldn't mind at all if they were lying — but, tragically enough they half believe it.

In the past two weeks I have attended two of those soccer functions where the bonhomie of the occasion brings the worst out of keynote speakers. They climb up the podium, grab the microphone, cast the eye over their captive audience struggling with the antipasta on their plate — and then proceed to treat us as if we were retarded children.

Speech after tedious speech we hear about the game's brilliant future, about the giant steps forward and about the boom just around the corner. For good measure, the worn old clichés sprinkle their prose: for the 367,396th time we hear about "our 400,000 juniors," "...the only international code of football," the "unifying nature of soccer which binds(?) migrants and old Aussies..." and other stuff like that.

"I'll let you in on a secret. In the past fortnight I heard this twice from Arthur George as well as from others. I peered

at the ceiling expecting to see some cracks but no, there was no immediate divine intervention.

But I have also heard — and read — the same madly optimistic predictions from dozens of others over the years: Henry Seamonds, Bill Walkley, Andy Burton, Ben Nathan, Walter Sternberg, Jim Bayutti, Frank Parsons and many similar notables.

I could quote here dozens of old newspaper and magazine interviews from the 1950s and 1960s in which our Wise Leaders said that five, maybe 10 years from now (that is, from then) we would be world power, that Rugby League, Oz



Andrew Dettre

promises are still pouring forth for the benefit of the public at large — but that they are telling US these patent lies.

We sit there, in paralytic silence, journalists, coaches and club officials, people in the know — and we listen to endless drivel which we ALL know to be untrue or at least incorrect.

What also hurts is that none of our Wise Leaders deems us adult enough to be told a few home truths.

After all, these occasions are attended almost exclusively by soccer people; they are family occasions.

The speakers could use these opportunities to make some definitive policy statements, to examine one of the many serious problems of the game, to comment on at least one or two aspects of soccer which are topical.

Instead, they treat us, time and time again, to imbecilic little homilies pretending, to a soccer audience, that if they make some brash forecasts about our future, then providence will have no choice but to make them happen.

Sometimes I feel that these audiences — in hired dinner suits, picking at their rolled roasts and limp salads, upstanding for the loyal toast and all that — are treated with the utmost contempt.

They are not worthy of the truth; they cannot be trusted

with a controversial speech. In fact, they are not worth the bother of writing a speech at all; a few mindless remarks about our brilliant future will do, earning the usual lukewarm applause.

Arthur George, for one, is a talented speaker. I am sure he could deliver a solid address on the subject of soccer — if he wanted to. Or if those around him were intelligent enough to suggest it.

I, for one, wouldn't care if he spoke on the complex problem of vanishing sporting crowds, the ticklish subject of ethnicity or even the suicidal trends in the financial management of our clubs.

These matters are real, they are widely discussed every day, concern all of us — and surely concern Arthur George,

too. What better opportunity than a ballroom full of soccer people to treat them to a learned, lucid and honest appraisal of one aspect of the game?

Instead, all we are getting is a rosy prediction — the same we had in 1959, 1960 and 1970 with almost identical words.

Above everything else, this self-deception is a perilous business. Some simper may — just may — believe the flatteries and sit back feeling that all he has to do now is wait for the mail to enter the Promised Land.

Then, in 10 or 20 years' time, when he hears the same kind of sheer nonsense again and again, he will bitterly regret that he didn't jump from his seat running on and off the ball and run screaming from the hall never to be seen again.

'We'll beat Sydney City' — Arok

WOLLONGONG 0 ST GEORGE 2 (Wilkinson 51st, Marton 76th), PSL preliminary final at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 7000 Approx. Referee: Bambridge 8. Cautions: R. O'Shea, M. O'Shea, Cotton.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 6 — Willis 6, Vlastre 6, Ainsworth 7, Fleming 7 — Waldron 6, Adam 6, Gaffney 6, Tredinnick 7, R. O'Connor 6, Cotton 6 (Fontana 76th).
ST GEORGE: Greedy 6 — Skeen 8, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7 — Stone 6, Wilkinson 7, J. O'Shea 6 — Slater 7, Macdougall 7, Marton 8.

Wollongong's dream of reaching its first grand final was shattered by the 'old master' of the Phillips League, Dez Marton.

The goalscoring St George ace was the architect of his team's convincing win which gives it another crack at Sydney City on Sunday.

St George has yet to beat the newly-crowned champion this year but coach Frank Arok has no doubt about the outcome of the match.

"We'll win the grand final for sure," he said.

"We did well to beat the Wolves in Wollongong and on

Sunday we will beat the Silencers as well."

Coach Willie Wallace was not so impressed with the Saints' performance.

"They did just enough to win and on this form Sydney City should have no problems beating them," he said.

The match was somewhat of an anti-climax for the record 7000 crowd at the Showgrounds.

The support from the stands did little to raise the Wolves' game. They were unable to counter their opponents' methodical and highly-efficient moves.

At the back the O'Shea



Philip Micallef

brothers kept the famous Wolves strikers O'Connor and Cotton quiet for the full-afternoon.

In the first half, Marton raised the first thrill — and the first eyebrows — when he hit the crossbar with a well-timed header from a cross by the overlapping Skeen.

Slater also had a good chance when his shot was charged down by Gaffney, with Preston committed.

In the second half the Saints too the lead with a goal by Wilkinson, who headed in an in-swinging corner from Marton.

The Saints kept a tight grip on the match without however creating any scoring chances, although Slater almost made a goal out of nothing with a header that just missed the upright.

In the last 15 minutes Wallace replaced Cotton with Fontana but a minute later it was all over.

Marton pounced on a sliced clearance to slip the ball into the net past a sprawling Preston to make the issue safe for the Saints.

Before the end goalkeeper Greedy, making his PSL debut, covered himself with glory with a fine reflex save off a point-blank header by Fontana and did well to Parry a great first-timer from full-back Willis.

Players performances:

WOLLONGONG

PRESTON: made a few fine reflex saves but sometimes his fielding was faulty.

WILLIS: found Marton too hot to handle and was clearly uneasy throughout the game.

AINSWORTH: plugged many gaps in an unusually slack defence but his distribution was not particularly perfect.

FLEMING: had a very good game against winger Slater and hardly ever put a foot wrong.

VLASTRA: Played his usual aggressive game but the experience of Macdougall had the better of him, especially in the air.

WALDRON: Failed to get into the game and was generally over-run by John O'Shea.

ADAM: had a very quiet afternoon and did not quite get to grips with Wilkinson.

GAFFNEY: controlled Stone well but in so doing did not leave his own Mark on the game.

TREDINNICK:

Did not reproduce recent form and left too much space for fullback Skeen.

O'CONNOR: failed to shake off a tough shadower but hit the crossbar in the only chance presented to him.

COTTON: was blotted out of the game but could have scored with a header that went just wide.

ST. GEORGE

GREEDY: was never under pressure but made a fine save late in the game.

SKEEN: played a blinder at right back and was the extra midfielder. His overlapping was of top quality.

M. O'SHEA: after a couple of nasty tackles, he steadied himself and completely subdued Cotton.

RATCLIFFE: Ever so dominant in the middle of the penalty area both in the air and on the ground.

R. O'SHEA: Took charge of O'Connor and kept him at bay for 90 minutes. A thoroughly efficient performance.

STONE: Had a rather quiet afternoon but caught the eye with a couple of fine touches.

WILKINSON: Drove his team forward with his non-stop running on and off the ball and direct approach. One of best players of the day.

J. O'SHEA: Did as good job in midfield without setting any houses on fire.

SLATER: found Fleming a tough customer but on a few occasions produced play of high quality.

MACDOUGALL: Played virtually at walking pace but his fine touches left his shadower guessing.

MARTON: the protagonist of the match. Hit the bar, made a goal, scored another and passed the ball with intelligence. A great player and a threat to any defence.

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Sun, sand, surf, fun, lots of soccer, and video stardom are the lures of a unique soccer camp to be organised by Peter Ollerton and John Kennedy at Anglesea in January.

Boys will get expert coaching at the camp, and their play will be filmed on video and analysed at evening viewing sessions.

The venue is the Anglesea Life Be In It Centre, from January 16 to 21.

Transport to and from Anglesea by bus is included in the \$125 price, which covers also three meals a day, full accommodation, and coaching over the five-day period.

The coaching will be done by former Soccer Australia Peter Ollerton, the player-coach of Preston-Makedonia; goalkeeper John Kennedy, formerly of Wertheim, Hellas, Heidelberg-Alexander, APFA and now with Knox City; another former Soccer Australia, Hammy McMechan who played for Juventus and Slavia; and probably Harry McKinley, a schoolteacher who plays for George Cross.

About 25 boys already have signed up for the camp, but the organisers want between 50 and 60. They will be the 10-15 age group and their soccer ability already will be of a reasonable standard.

Testing for various McDonalds Super Skills awards also will be carried out at the camp.

Ollerton and Kennedy have been operating their O & K soccer camps for about five years, centred at various times in Mooroolbark, Croydon, Nunawading, Mit-

Melbourne club Juventus played host to Italian-sponsored Sydney club APFA-Leichhardt during its recent visit to Melbourne for APFA's successful Phillips Cup final against Heidelberg.

After the game Juventus officials and supporters celebrated the win of their guests with a dinner at the new Toto's restaurant in Lygon Street.



Peter Ollerton

cham, Monbulk, Preston, South Melbourne, Brighton and Ferntree Gully.

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More information is available from John Kennedy on 232 1777 or Peter Ollerton on 723 1001 after hours.

JUVE, TOTO HOST APFA

Captain Peter Wilson holds the Cup. In the foreground (in shirt-sleeves) "man of the match" McBrean. Seated from right APFA's president Nick Papallo, Juve's secretary Rocky Di Zio and vice president Sam Manenti with Mrs. Manenti.

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Croatia, Morwell, Ajax, Juventus clash in Cup

HOW THE COACHES SEE IT...

By
**BOBBY
McLACHLAN,**
Ajax

It'll be a great series

We will attack everyone we play. We've done it successfully for the past 25 weeks so I don't see why we should change now.

Obviously we'd like to win the State League Cup. It was the one trophy we didn't win last year.

We'll be under the hammer because we're the team everyone wants to knock off. We've achieved our No. 1 aim this year — to win the championship again — and anything can happen in a cup game.

We won the league because we were the most consistent side in the competition over a long period of time but Wednesday (tonight) is sudden-death stuff.

Our discipline and team work are our strengths. The main thing is not to leave too many gaps in important areas on the field. We always have had to take the game to our opposition this year but we are careful not to neglect our defensive duties. We are very aware of this and we give a lot of consideration to our tasks whenever we lose possession.

John Gardiner and Stuart Cannell are a very good central defensive pairing. In fact there's not too many pairings about who are better than them.

Over the past few weeks, once we knew the league title was ours, we tried out a few different positional changes and I'm more the wiser for seeing the result of these switches.

Some people talk about us

By
**DAVE
O'CONNOR,**
Morwell

I'm very confident and I believe we'll do really well in this cup. We've got to where we are in the league because of our consistency.

One of our strengths is our defence, which is very solid. For my money, Bill Whiteside's the best goalkeeper in the league. Up front we can hold our own with anybody. These aspects alone make me so confident. Apart from Whiteside's excellent form his value as a talker at the back also is important.

John Higham, our stopper, has had a great season and he's been a fine captain. Noel Mitten and Richie McClunnie are a danger to any team and recently Tony van Baar has hit his straps. Then there's little Dave Neil. Look, I can just get through the whole side. The lads have tremendous spirit and they've acquitted themselves well this year.

If Nigel Daniels plays well, then the midfield starts to really tick over. Nigel's a strong player and his aggression is important to us. We've got a good trio here in Nigel, Harry Bingham and John O'Callaghan. They complement each other.

Ajax is a good side. Sure, they're a force to be reckoned with but I don't overrate them. We've held our own in both league games against Ajax. Okay, we went down 2-0 at home but we gave them far too much respect in that game.

By
**TONY
BOGGI,**
Juventus

Juve has injury worries

We'll give it a good try. I've been reasonably happy with our season and we're scoring the goals we should have scored earlier.

All year we've been creating chances but not putting them away consistently until lately. But it had to come, once we got our midfield going.

We're scoring quite a few goals by midfielders getting forward quickly. I told Greg Bannan and Kevin Swinscoe that they had to get into the opposition area much more. Now they're doing it, playing one-two with Graham French and having a go.

We are as quick as anyone at the back. We had a problem early in defence but that was due to a lack of discipline. Our midfield wasn't recovering well. When ever Paddy Bannan would go forward he wasn't getting the cover he should have been getting.

This State League Cup is important to us. We want to win something this year. The players and committee have worked hard and they deserve a bit of success. The atmosphere among the players is great. They're like one big family.

Our main strength is our overall effort. We don't have any superstars. We just work well as a team unit.

Ajax is powerful and experienced. The side has been moulded together for the past season and a half and there's hardly a weakness there. You have no choice but to respect Ajax. They won the league and scored over 60 goals.

I'd be foolish if I said that we would have no problems beating them. Sure, we beat them before but I wouldn't like to stake my life on beating them again.

By
**MIKE
KIS,**
Croatia

We're playing much better now and I expect us to do very well in this cup.

When I first arrived we weren't playing well. Injuries and suspensions didn't help either. Jozo Antolovic was sent off twice, Josip Bliskic was injured and missed about three games and Tony Curcio was injured. We're much more settled now.

We have won the past four State League Cups so the odds aren't in our favor to make it five in a row. How often do you see champions in other sports winning year after year?

I don't think that we are strong enough to play an all-out attacking game from the beginning. We play an open style of soccer but we probably will use a 4-2-2 formation. If so, my midfielders will be allowed to go forward but they almost must recover quickly.

I have a great deal of respect for all three of our opponents, especially Juventus, whose current form is good. Ajax is an established side and they play like champions. But surprises happen. I'm sure Ajax was surprised by Morwell Falcons recently in their 3-3 draw.

Every player at Croatia must give everything he has if we are to win the cup. We have three or four excellent players and a lot of players who have great potential and with perhaps another year to establish themselves could become big names in Victorian soccer. Steve Gojevic is particularly impressive. When I came he was very shy. He didn't seem to act like he belonged in the first team. I told him that he was no different from the others and he has responded well. For sure, young Gojevic

It's not the physical aspect of Ajax which worries me. It's the fact that Ajax has players with a lot of skill — intelligent players who play intelligent football.

Croatia is very dangerous if you let them get the upper hand. They rely on four top-class players and if they don't produce the goods then Croatia is in trouble.

You must also respect Morwell Falcons. They finished in the top four so they've proved that they can play.

It doesn't matter who we play. Every cup game is hard. The way to look at it is that we are two games away from winning the 1982 State League Cup.

I've got a few injury worries. Paddy Bannan got injured at training last week, Kevin Swinscoe is injured and Stuart Cunningham still is recovering from a cracked rib he got against Hellas-Hakoh, the side that calls other sides "barbarians".

I'm not sure whether or not I'll be able to use these three. If not we can compensate for the imbalance their loss may cause by the other players giving everything they've got for Juventus. Harry Hird can play sweeper without any worries and Tiziano Cavallari is skilful in midfield. We may bring in a couple of players who want to show me that I was wrong not to give them a regular game.

Anyway, to be truthful, I don't know what my squad will be. But whoever plays will give his all.

Gojevic has big future

is one of the best talents we have had for years at Croatia. I predict a big future for him and it's not too long that he was picked in the Victorian youth team.

Ajax is a very mature side. It knows how to play both on and off the ball. Ajax players are on the move all the time and they certainly know how to fight for everything. Physically and tactically Ajax is very strong.

I haven't seen much of Morwell Falcons but I know enough about them to say that they are a good side, capable of beating anybody.

Juventus was in a bit of trouble when I first came here. They beat us at Olympic Park No. 2 and I think that this win was one of the turning points of the season for them.

Drago Deankovic has been injured and is just coming back into my squad. The team is settled now and he must wait to get his chance to establish himself.

Dave Brogan is over his injury worries. For a long time I have thought he is among the top strikers in Victoria.

Ossie Latif is a special problem for me. He is an outstanding talent but his attitude must improve. He must attend training more regularly and he's not mobile enough out on the park. But he has the best shot of any Croatia player. And that's with either foot.

He is physically strong but a lot more work has to be done on the tactical side of his game. He has the potential to be a national star.

THE FOUR SQUADS

AJAX: Steve McKenna, Eddie Gauci, Peter Lewis, Stuart Cannell, John Gardiner, David Hoggan, Kit Grechan, Peter Boyle, Willie Vassallo, Alan Bennett, David Smallman, Jim Williams, Paul Lewis, G. Macleod, Peter Dixon.

CROATIA: Peter Blisby, Robert McRae, Tony Curcio, Sean Parton, Keith Adams, Drago Deankovic, Ante Blavenc, Dennis Morovic, Jeff Faulkner, Steve Gojevic, Jozo Antolovic, Josip Bliskic, Osman Latif, David Brogan, Ken Murphy.

JUVENTUS: Alex Fantoma, Gary Clayton, Vince Bannan, Peter Bannan, Brian Donaldson, Harry Hird, Frank Geramia, Kevin Swinscoe, Jim Nelson, Tony Heery, Tiziano Cavallari, Ged Bannan, Stuart Cunningham, Fabio Intantalo, Graham French, Paul Romano.

MORWELL FALCONS: Bill Whiteside, Andrew Halkett, Grant Smart, Sandy Irvine, John Higham, David Neil, David Wilson, John O'Callaghan, Nigel Daniels, Harry Bingham, Dave O'Connor, Noel Mitten, Richie McClunnie, Tony van Baar, John Bond.

McClunnie, Brogan are the key men

By **CRAIG MACKENZIE**

On the right side of Falcons' back four, Grant Smart will have his hands full trying to curb the sometimes precocious talents of teenager Steve Gojevic.

I've watched Gojevic often in training, turning more experienced players inside out. However, not until this season, has he shown the confidence to take on opponents in a match situation. As his confidence continues to grow, so will his reputation.

If coach Kis decides to use Ossie Latif up front alongside Brogan then Ken Murphy will be seen in a central midfield role where his lightning quick dashes and ability to run at top speed with the ball under control, will cause Falcons no end of trouble.

Everyone talks about the McClunnie-Mitten partnership but let's not forget Tony van Baar. He's a tireless worker and his ability to turn defenders, especially inside the attacking third, is going to worry the life out of Croatia's back four.

This promises to be an absorbing encounter. Croatia's record of success in cups, especially the State League Cup, points to a Croatia win but if Falcons go under it won't be before they send a few Croatia committeemen to the bar in search of double brandies.

The second of tonight's State League Cup semi-finals at Olympic Park should see mighty Green Gully Ajax beat a depleted Juventus.

The black and whites will be without experienced sweeper Paddy Bannan who pulled a muscle in his leg at training.

It was touch and go whether or not Kevin Swinscoe would be available to take on his customary left sided midfield role and right sided midfielder Stuart Cunningham hasn't fully recovered from cracked ribs.

If Paddy Bannan doesn't play, Harry Hird probably will move across to sweeper with Frank Geramia taking over at left back. Then again, Geramia has shown an ability to mark crack strikers of opposing sides out of the game. Maybe coach Tony Boggi will ask Geramia to look after Ajax's State League top scorer Paul Lewis.

There also was an injury cloud hanging over the head of Ajax's Scottish import Peter Dickson as we went to Press. The former Queen of the South star was taken off against Albion Rovers on Saturday.



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FRANKSTON 1 (Gobly) NORTHCOTE 0

FRANKSTON: Peterson 6 - Pye 7, Campbell 6, Stewart 6, Tutill 6 - Wright 4 (Drinocky 11.7.8), Cooke 6, Whitehead 6 (Mitchell 70th), Gobly 7, Wall 7, Reader 6.

NORTHCOTE: Karamititis 8 - Petrakos 5, Maitland 6, Bozakis 6, Nelson 5 - Nixon 7, Wright 6, Fakos 5 - Patinoti 4, Tzetzos 3, Constantinou 4.

"A great result for the boys! That was how some Frankston supporters summed up the biggest heap of garbage I've seen in State League for years."

This was a bad game between two poor teams out of touch. The first half was abysmal.

After about 20 minutes it was painfully obvious that the two worst teams in State League were competing. Frankston deserved this result simply because it created chances. I can't think of one good chance created by Northcote.

Croydon's Cup?

JUVENTUS 0 CROYDON 3 (Nolan, I. Loughnane, P. Loughnane)

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 5 - V. Bannan 5, Donaldson 5, Hild 5, G. Bannan 5 - Cunningham 6 (H.T. 6), G. Bannan 5, Cavallari 5 (Nelson H.T. 6), Henry 5 - Francis 5, Constantinou 5.

CROYDON: Kestner 7 - Brown 7 (Inf. G. Haupt 70th), Denardier 6, McCamie 6, Rainey 6 - Dobson 7, Rooney 7, Wood 7 - P. Loughnane 7, I. Loughnane 7, Nolan 7.

"We feel we've got a bloody good chance of winning the Dockerty Cup. We've got a settled side and we're playing well at the business end of the season. We don't fear anyone," said Croydon coach Bill McArthur after his charges had thoroughly outplayed a strangely lethargic Juventus.

Croydon's first two goals were the end result of excellent interpassing movements starting inside Juventus' defensive third of the field. The final touch of the first goal involved a Jimmy Rooney cut back from near the by-line and a booming 10 metre drive from Terry Nolan. The ball flashed past Juve goalkeeper Alex Fantoma and was handled by a defender on the line, not firmly enough though to stop the ball crossing the line and the goal was given.

The second goal involved about seven touches as Croydon went forward and ended with a Rooney chip to the far post. Ian Loughnane was streaming to goal and finished off the move superbly with a spectacular diving header.

A terrible blunder by the Juventus defence set up Peter Loughnane for the third goal. A long ball downfield should have been cleared by one of two Juve defenders. As Peter Loughnane challenged, one of the defenders knocked the ball past Fantoma who had come off his line and the Croydon striker stroled into the unguarded goal.

STATE LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AXJAX.....	21	2	8	67	23	44
CROY.....	15	6	8	52	28	36
JUVENTUS.....	14	4	8	46	29	32
FALCONS.....	13	6	7	43	33	32
Polonia.....	11	7	8	47	39	28
Hellas-Hakola.....	10	8	8	32	31	28
Croydon.....	11	7	7	34	28	28
Georgi Druze.....	11	4	11	37	44	22
Albion.....	6	10	10	37	37	22
Doveton.....	7	5	14	34	42	19
Wilhelmina.....	6	7	13	33	51	19
Sunshine.....	6	7	13	24	44	19
Northcote.....	5	6	15	27	52	16
Frankston.....	5	4	15	25	51	16

67 goals up for Ajax

ALBION ROVERS 2 (D'Sylva, Ferrie) GREEN GULLY AJAX 3 (Dickson 2, Paul Lewis)

ALBION ROVERS: Lacey 6 - Corrie 7, Nibler 7, Farrie 7, Murphy 6, A. McMillan 6, Smart 7 - D'Sylva 6, Coyne 6.

AJAX: McMillan 6 - Peter Lewis 6, Greenfield 6, Canan 7, Vassallo 6 - Gardiner 7, Williams 6, Stewart 7 - Neil 7, Paul Lewis 7, Macleod 7, Macleod 7, Paul Lewis 7.

State League champ for two years running, Green Gully Ajax rounded off its league campaign with this 3-2 win at Selwyn Park, giving the green

THE PITS!

The two things lacking in the performance of Northcote striker Spiro Tzetzos were a limp handshake and a fair lip.

If not for a few fine saves from young Spiro Karamititis Northcote could have been rolled by three or four goals. Just when we all thought that

the game would have to be extended for about a week for anyone to score up bobbed Andy Gobly in the last minute of normal time to expertly tuck away a fine through ball from the right side of the area. And that was that. Well, almost.

As our photographer Les Shorrock prepared to clear up his gear and head for the bar a Frankston supporter walked past and said: "Did you see that goal? That was the goal of the year, mate. What a happy! You don't look very happy," sarcasm all but dripping from his lips.

This was the stuff that relegation is made of.



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

FRANKSTON CITY 0 DOVETON 3 (Stirton 2, Webster)

FRANKSTON CITY: Peterson 6 - Pye 6, Drinocky 7, Stewart 7, Tutill 6 - Gobly 6 (Reader 85th), Campbell (sent off 27th), Cooke 6, D. Whitehead 6 (Mitchell 85th) - Wall 6, Buchanan 6.

DOVETON: Keogh 7 - Thurlow 7, Marrik 7, Corks 7, Train 8 - McIvor 7, Nuhai 7, Dowie 8 Webster 7, Stirton 6, Ginn 7.

And so ends six years of State League life for Frankston City.

Years of financial struggle and committee upheavals led Frankston City into last Sunday's final fling to avoid the drop. The Frankston players showed great spirit. This wasn't the same Frankston outfit which beat Northcote 1-0 three days earlier, but performed so abysmally.

The Baysiders knew that man for man and as a team unit the Doves were their masters, so they came out and tried to kick Doveton off the park. For 45 minutes they succeeded. But just seven minutes into the second half Frankston's State League status was taken away from it.

That was when John Dowie sent Jim Train through on the left. The left back's pin-point far-post cross was met by the head of Ian Stirton and the ball was sent with precise direction and control past despairing Frank Petersen and inside the far post.

But let's get back to that first half.

It was boots and all stuff from the outset. The plan was clear - let's throw Doveton out of its stride.

Stirton was booked after tangling with Graham Tutill. Norrie Campbell of Frankston was next. His name went into referee Gault's book after a clash with Peter Thurlow.

Both Stirton and Dowie were angered by ferocious challenges which never entered

ed Gault's book but in the 27th minute big Campbell was sent off, for alleged dangerous play after an incident involving Dowie. It was a harsh decision. Sure, Campbell was putting himself about but one of his team mates, a defender, was kicking everything that moved and getting away with it too lightly.

Frankston had started off in 4-2-2 formation with Bill Buchanan and Wall up front. Campbell's loss left three in midfield so Doveton player-coach Ernie Merrick pushed Mike McIvor up front, wide on the right.

Little Webster was being picked up by Graham Tutill. Along with Buchanan, Tutill is the most creative player in the Frankston line-up and assigning him the task of making seemed terribly negative.

When Stirton gave the Doves

the lead in the second half I expected Frankston to fold. I was wrong.

Rob Stewart, booked in the first half for a bad tackle from behind on Dowie, pushed forward as coach Tommy Robertson made a last ditch attempt to try and salvage a result.

But Frankston's cause was lost in the 38th minute. Dowie played a well-weighted ball into space on the right side of the area. Webster, making a diagonal run, latched onto the ball with a first-time shot on the turn and sent it low into the far corner for a superb piece of finishing.

What a player this Dowie is! From what coaches at rival State League clubs and at two PSL clubs tell me, the Doves will be hard pressed to keep the former Fulham and Glasgow Celtic midfielder for the

1993 season. And the efforts of Stirton and Webster also haven't gone unnoticed.

Frankston came close twice to hitting back. Stewart made a brave attempt with a diving header which sent the ball flashing past Keogh but into the side netting then Wall got past Thurlow on the left of the area but shot wide from 12 metres.



Ace Ajax scorer Paul Lewis

Ajax's Lewis

wins top

scorer award

Paul Lewis of Green Gully Ajax is our Ametco Travel State League Top Scorer for 1992 and wins a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

Lewis, recently selected in the Victorian state squad to take on New York Cosmos on October 17, scored 23 goals in State League this season, five clear of Croatia's Dave Brogan and Dave Rigby of George Cross.

As reported in last week's "Soccer Action," classy Polonia sweeper Stefan Mila is our Ametco Travel State League Player of the Year and wins a return trip to the 1993 English FA Cup Final or a country of his choice in Europe.

Here are the votes for last Thursday's game:

Frankston City v Northcote: Wall (FC), Karamititis (N).

Here are the votes for last weekend's games:

Ringwood Wilhelmina v Croatia: Burton (RW), Adams (C).

Albion Rovers v Ajax: Smart (AR), Williams (A).

Frankston City v Doveton: Buchanan (FC), Dowie (D).

Juventus v Croydon: Geramila (J), Wade (C).

Morwell Falcons v Northcote: Bingham (MF), Nixon (N).

Sunshine v Polonia: McNally (S), Mila (P).

Hellas-Hakola v George Cross: Cummings (H-H), Tol (CC).

Leading votegetters:

36 - Mila (Polonia)

24 - Drinocky (Frankston)

21 - Neil (Falcons), Carl (Wilhelmina)

18 - Smart (Albion), Adams (Croatia), Tutill (Frankston), Bozakis, Nixon (Northcote), Tront (Wilhelmina).

Kowalec angers Polonia

SUNSHINE CITY 1 (Taylor pen.) POLONIA 2 (Marshall, A. Czapiuk)

SUNSHINE: Maszani 7 - Maszani 6, Lowe 7, Ellis 8, Taylor 6 - McCarthy 6, R. Nelson 6, Walters 7 - Bain 6 (Patrica 65th), D. Nelson 6, McRobert 6.

POLONIA: Dziakowski 6 - Smolczak 7, Innes 6, Mila 6, S. Klein 6 - Walke 6, A. Czapiuk 6, Lipinski 6 - Lalic 6, Kryzinski 6, Marshall 7.

Polonia officials reacted angrily to statements made by coach Kaz Kowalec who resigned after the game, while players of Sunshine pondered their future.

George Cross members approved the proposed merger with Sunshine at a meeting before this match, and it's now up to the Sunshine members to give it their blessing.

The Sunshine players have the choice of either joining in the merger, or asking for a transfer.

It was significant that two officials of Footscray JUST were at Chaplin Park to watch this match.

Meanwhile, Kowalec quit Polonia, saying he was angry over mid-year suggestions that goalkeeper Leszek Dziakowski should take over as coach, and about a large sum of money which Polonia helped raise, being diverted to a Polish community group.

Polonia secretary Stan Slazky said the money - about \$300,000 - had not been given to anyone. It had yet to be decided how it would be spent.

However, it has been proposed that the various Polish-sponsored sports clubs get together under one umbrella, and that a new organisation build a million-dollar social clubs and sports complex.

Approaches to the Sunshine Golf Club for use of part of the golf course site, have been only tentative, and no response have yet come from the golf club.

Mr Slazky denied that Kowalec had brought star player Stefan Mila to Australia. Mr Slazky conceded that Mila had lived in Kowalec's home for some time, but that it was the

club itself that brought Mila over from Poland.

But back to the golf club:

According to Sunshine Council sources, it is unlikely that the council would permit Polonia to play on the site, as it is virtually next to Westmead Suburb ground, which suggests traffic problems on days when the two clubs matches clash.

Polonia's original approach to the golf club was prompted by reports in the local press that the golf club was in financial difficulties.

And what of the game - probably Sunshine's last as a separate entity?

It looked pretty good for Sunshine in the first half. Steve Ellis and Nick Lowe were moving up strongly from the back. George Walters and Jim McRobert was busy down the flanks, Dave Nelson was chasing everything up front and John McNally was extremely busy in midfield.

Trouble was, Polonia's defenders, especially Mila and Kevin Bates, prevented Sunshine from getting within scoring range. The attacking runs of Mila and Innes were to become highlights of the match.

Alex Marshall shot Polonia into the lead five minutes after half time when he got a touch to a low through ball, diverting it past goalkeeper Dennis Massani.

Andy Czapiuk, starting in midfield, went on a stylish solo run, beating Lowe for speed, before belting No. 2 low past Massani 10 minutes later.

Trailing 0-2, Sunshine replaced Bain with Patrica but it was Polonia that kept attacking. McNally was unlucky with a hook-shot while falling, and then, 10 minutes from the end, Sunshine was given a penalty.

It was awarded against Mila, who propped while Dziakowski called for the ball. In doing so, Mila obstructed McRobert. Left back Chris Taylor took the penalty and beat Dziakowski easily.

- LAURIE SCHWAB

DAVE BROGAN WINS IT

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (de Graaf) CROATIA 2 (Antolovic, Brogan)

WILHELMINA: Barclay 6 - Pasman 7, Luyten 6, de Graaf 7, Vermeire 6 - O'Riley 6, Tront 6, Burton 6, Carroll 6, Hayland 6, Reid 6 (Thom 60th).

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Curcio 6, Adams 7, Parton 6, Blayke 6 (sent off 80th) - Blakic 6, Faulkner 6, Antolovic 6 - Brogan 7, Murphy 6 (Inf. Left 70th), Gajovic 6.

Dutch airline KLM is rumored to be set to sponsor Wilhelmina to the tune of \$100,000 over the next five years and a Sydney based company also may be keen to sponsor the Jubilee Park outfit.

At Jubilee Park on Saturday Wilhelmina twice paid dearly for poor marking inside its area and its inability to effectively clear from corner kick situations.

However the locals almost took a surprise lead against Croatia in the first half. Joe Carroll, Barry Burton and Paul O'Riley combined well ending with O'Riley in the clear about 10 metres from goal. He shot hard and low toward the

corner but lanky Croatia goalkeeper Peter Blasby threw himself at full stretch and finger tipped the ball inches wide of the post. It was a superb save from Blasby which kept the scoreline blank at the half time interval.

Croatia hit the front in the second half when Jozo Antolovic punished Wilhelmina for a poor attempt to clear from a corner.

Wilhelmina hit back through former Kiwi international Billy de Graaf. Burton crossed low and de Graaf nipped in at the near post to tuck the ball away.

Croatia's winner came from the club's leading scorer for 1992, Dave Brogan. Again Wilhelmina failed to effectively clear from a corner and the unnamed Brogan had the easiest of opportunities and tapped the ball away from close range.

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HELLAS-HAKOAH: Perrow 4 — Rooney 6, Kalifadisa 5, Hannah 5, Vardakis 4 — Boz-novski 3, Madden 4, Gray 5 — Abram 2, Cummings 3, Patsos 3.

GEORGE CROSS: Tachris 6 — D'Alessandro 3, Scarri 3, Gilder 3, Schembri 3 — Vella 4, Rigby 5, McCann (Inj. Pisan) 30th 41, Memo 4 — Toal 6, Mizi 4.

The poet T.S. Eliot once wrote that the world would end, not with a bang, but with a whimper.

He had the nuclear holocaust in mind, of course, but he could just as well have been referring to Victorian soccer.

At Middle Park on Sunday, as Hellas-Hakoah went through the motions of fulfilling its last league fixture against a pale imitation of a George Cross team (suitably clad in virginal white shirts), the main topic of discussion was the merger between George Cross and Sunshine City.

The great merit of the scheme is that it reduces the number of clubs in one. Now if only the bottom six clubs could merge, we'd be getting somewhere.

In fact if two-thirds of the clubs in Victoria disappeared overnight, we'd be better off, but even then wouldn't be enough skilled players to go round.

According to the VSF pecking order, there are 10 more divisions each of fourteen clubs, of lower standard than State League. I refuse to believe it. It defies credulity that any league could produce a worse game than this.

What we are seeing is the fruits of the policy of putting quantity before quality, so that at successive annual general meetings various dignitaries can rise to their feet and state proudly that from Nar-Nar-Goon to Langwarrin, from Hamilton to Lakes Entrance, there are thousands more players playing soccer. Rubbish.

If State League represents the pinnacle of success, those thousands aren't playing soccer. Soccer is a skillful, entrancing, super game that calls for dedication, fitness and a higher degree of ball control than any other game, and it's light-years away from what was dished up at Middle Park.

The catch-cry has gone up: "We can raise our own players, cut out the imports, we don't want any more U.K. has-beens."

Apart from being an insult to players like Jimmy MacKay and the rest, who gave us our Golden Age which ended in the early 1970's the lie about being has-beens is being disproved every week. If those players who took us to the World Cup Finals in '74 were has-beens, the present crop only can be described as never will be's!

The hardy few who attended Sunday's wake were complaining that they had paid \$3 to get in. Of course, they didn't leave, they wanted their money's worth, but if the home club had been smart, it would have let them in free, and charged them \$10 to get out. It would have made more money.

And talking of money, where does it go? The bulk of it goes into the players' pockets, of course. With the honorable exception of a couple on each side, like George Hannah, Duncan Cummings, Sean Rooney and Bobby Toal, the rest should shuffle forward, heads averted, hands tentatively outstretched on pay-day, mumble their thanks and immediately donate their ill-gotten gains to charity. As my old friend Freddy was fond of saying, most of them wouldn't get a kick in a stampede.

As I was leaving the ground, I met another stalwart from the Golden Age. He was trying to look inconspicuous on a hundred yards of empty terracing. It was Mike Mandalis, who said to me: "What league's this, Les?"

"It's the State League," I replied, choking back a sob. "Come on," he said, "you always were a comedian, tell me the truth."

"When I finally convinced him that this was it, this was the dream, if these were the darlings of the officials who said we didn't need a national competition, he tottered off, ash-faced to the bar. He should have headed off home for his boots, he could still play this lot off the part with his eyes shut."

In the bar he would have met a good player, Billy Wilkinson, who for some strange reason, doesn't get a game for George, and another one, Steve Lawson, who goes into hospital again this week for another operation on the ankle that has kept him out for 13 weeks.

Now George fans, and to a lesser degree, Sunshine fans, have a new fillip for next season, but what of the Hellas-Hakoah merger, the experiment that failed. The purchase of Hakoah by South Melbourne was going to do great things, as well as giving Hellas sole control over Middle Park.

At the Press conference when the deal was announced, Hellas president Sam Pappas announced that this club was to provide a stepping-stone for PSL hopefuls. And Bill Jordanou, the captain (remember Bill?) got up and said to the press: "I am a man behind coach Jim Adam (remember Jim?)"

— LES SHORROCK

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METROPROVISIONAL CUPS

THIS WEEK'S CUP GAMES

NEW SHINPADS

SUNBURY 1 (Blackley) Coburg 3 (Wilmut, Catterson, Malcolm)

SUNBURY: Grech 5, Wylie 7, Duncanson 8, Gray 6, Stevens 8, Boyes 6, G. Tate 5, Campbell 7, Spiller 5, Blackley 8, Stewart 6.

COBURG: Curran 7, Frampton 6, Pyn 7, Malcom 5, Jones 6, Mancini 6, Malcom 7, Brindle 6, Mizi 6, Wilmut 8, Catterson 6.

BEST PLAYERS: Sunbury: Blackley, Wylie, Campbell, Coburg: Catterson, Malcom, Malcom.

Coburg went one up when a cross from the right wing was headed into the net by Wilmut before Sunbury keeper Grech could get to the ball.

In the 70th minute Coburg midfielder Gerry Malcom chipped a beautiful ball over the home defenders to Catterson who controlled, then calmly supped it past keeper Grech.

Anarcom scores Coburg's third goal from a penalty after Sunbury sweeper Stevens pushed Catterson after being dispossessed. Sunbury pulled a goal back five minutes from time when Blackley beat two men on the bye line and shot past Coburg custodian Cummings.

Ardeer 4 (N. Christodoulos 2, Dykun 2) HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 3 (Banis, Vassilios, Vaglias) AET

Ardeer: Kotlaga, Kuczyński, Czernecki, Olinowski, D. Bonedetto, Jarecki, Wisniewski, G. Marasik, Dykun, N. Christodoulos, J. Christodoulos, Adamczewski, M. Nazarek, Boruchinski, Zombala.

HEIDELBERG: Evrinda, Lagoube, Pavlidis, Kabis, Angulo, Ananidis, Vaglias, Metaxas, Shomos.

Vassilios, Banis, Telakouras, Zatsanis, Tsilifidis, Apostolou.

Ardeer: N. Christodoulos 22nd 42nd Dykun 80th, 105th (in extra time). Heidelberg United: Banis 35th Vassilios 75th Vaglias 85th.

BEST PLAYERS: Ardeer: Kuczyński, Wisniewski, N. Christodoulos. Heidelberg: Vassilios, Vaglias, Ananidis.

Ardeer began this high scoring game when a long kick from keeper Kotlaga was headed by John Christodoulos to his brother Niff, who neatly put away past advancing keeper Evrinda in the 22nd minute.

Heidelberg equalised when a 30 metre free kick was converted by Banis. In the 35th minute, Ardeer went ahead when Kuczyński's free kick found Niff Christodoulos who headed into the keeper and put away the rebound in the 42nd minute.

Heidelberg equalised when Vassilios' 20 metre drive gave Kotlaga no chance but in the 75th minute, Ardeer went ahead when Dykun's 20 metre volley gave keeper Evrinda no chance in the 80th minute. Heidelberg equalised again after a defensive error let Vaglias through to score from close range in the 85th minute.

Ardeer dominated play in extra time and was rewarded for it effort when Dykun's 25 metre drive found its target with only minutes to go. Both teams were evenly matched as scores indicated, in a very entertaining, high scoring game.

I honestly believe that if Moreland was ever in a position to enter state league it would rather stay in the middle of the First Division, it can only put it down to the so called experts who run the club.

This season, for example, we had players of vast experience sitting at home.

Alan Landers, a talented midfielder with state league experience with Albion Rovers, refused to play. Nat Black, another player with state league experience and a former best and fairest with Moreland, also refused to play.

The club also signed Mick Brazil from a Tasmanian State League side, a good utility player but for some unknown reason he has not been sighted. We then had Alan Lee, Glen Dorward and club captain Tony Hamill being suspended after a run-in with the new coach, but the hard working

Metropolitan League Cup quarter finals, this Saturday: Ardeer v South Oakleigh; Frankston Plains v Coburg; Royal Richmond v Dandenong City; Rosebud v Box Hill.

Harry Armstrong Reserves Cup, 2nd Main Round this Saturday: Nunawading City v Mornington (Sunday), George Cross v Kew Collier; Green Gully Ajax v North Dandenong; Moorabbin v Preston Macedonia; Richmond v Melbourne Croatia; Hellas Hakoah v Melbourne; Knox City v Port Melbourne; Prahran Slavia v Heidelberg Bundoora.

Provisional League Cup quarter finals, this Saturday: Dallas City v Bulleen; Seaford v Rosanna; Springvale Utd/Burnley v Holland Park; Brunswick City v Hawthorn.

Provisional League Reserve Cup quarter finals, also on Saturday: Moss Utd v Malvern City; Mossfield Rangers v Cranbourne; Pascoe Vale v Hampton Wanderers; Yarraville v Hawthorn.

Amateur League Cup quarter finals, this Sunday: Bundoora v Chadstone; Peal Institute v Waverley Utd; Diamond Creek v Westall; Lyndale Utd v Epping Thistle.

To the editor...

Sir,
As a supporter of First Division club Moreland for the past two seasons, I must say that the club never ceases to amaze me.

For a club which works on a shoe string budget with a very small squad it does nothing to help itself.

George Cairns cleared it all up, then a few weeks later one of the players told the coach where to go in front of all the players and was still in the team the following Saturday.

Already the rumours about next season are flowing. Most of our experienced players have said they are leaving, so when you put this together with the players who have been missing where is this club going?

— Name and address withheld.

Goalie available

Northern Ireland international goalkeeper George Dunlop wants to come to Australia.

Dunlop was in Northern Ireland's World Cup Finals squad in Spain as third string keeper behind Pat Jennings and Jim Platt.

He was at leading English First Division club Manchester City for two years as a teenager, and has served Irish League club Linfield for the past seven years. He is 26 years old.

All the results:

Metropolitan League Cup: Altona City 0 Frankston Plains 5; Ardeer 4 Heidelberg United 3 (after extra time); Box Hill 3 Port Melbourne 0; Dandenong City 1 Werribee City 0; Knox City 1 South Oakleigh 1 (80th Oakleigh won 4-3 on penalties); Rosebud 1 Melbourne 1 (Rosebud won 3-1 on penalties); Royal Richmond 2 Altona City 2 (Royal Richmond won 5-4 on penalties); Sunbury 1 Coburg 3.

Provisional League Cup, 2nd Rd. Dallas City 4 Lalor United 2, East Brunswick 2 Brunswick City 4; Heidelberg 3 Ballarat 0; Holland Park 1 Regent 0; Langwarrin 1 Bulleen 2; Rosanna 4 Clifton Hill 3; Seaford 2 Brunswick City 1; Springvale Utd 0 Burnley 1.

Premier Cain at Rothmans

The Premier, Mr Cain, will present the 1982 Rothmans Medal to the State League player of the year at the Southern Cross Hotel on 6 October.

Leading candidates include Stefan Mila (Polonia), Bobby Toal (George Cross), Bill Whitehead (Moorwell Falcons), Fabio Incantabile (Juventus) and Joe Carroll (Whitehawk).

The Bill Fleming Medal and other Press awards will be presented at the City and Overseas Club on 21 October.

The Fleming Medal is awarded according to votes cast by the Press.

Other Press awards to be presented on the night are: Victorian PSL PLAYER OF THE YEAR, Under 21 Player of the Year, Referee of the Year and Coach of the Year.

Kapetanovic coached Velez Mostar, Zagreb and Dinamo

His coaching days at club level took him through four continents and with great success. In Yugoslavia he was the senior coach of Velez Mostar, Zagreb and Dinamo Zagreb, all First Division sides, with Velez finishing second and Zagreb finishing sixth under his reign.

Then came three years with OFI of Crete in the Greek National League and in 1975 he guided Ahi of Lybia to the national championship before taking on the Croatia of Toronto in 1976. Success was synonymous with his name as Metros took the NASL championship that year.

He returned to Yugoslavia

to pick up Second Division club Osijek, in the 1977/78 season and guide it to First Division without defeat.

Following a short breather in Zagreb, he was signed to take Sydney Croatia for 1980/81. It was another season without defeat.

Then came Marconi, but there is another story.

Win or lose, Marconi never had it so good from its own supporters as well as the committee. I was hearing with a quency how brilliant this new coach was and how lucky Marconi was to have snared him.

And this did not come from any Tom, Dick or Harry...

We hear this rendition so often from coaches. Whatever club they adopt it immediately becomes one of the greatest, the most unbelievable and so on and so on.

"After being in Australia for only a short while I can honestly say that I know what a great club is and what is not," says Kapetanovic. "It is not the same coaching a Second Division side and attempting to create a storm about its abilities. Marconi is a National League club with formidable history in this competition, giving on occasions as many as seven players to the national team; — that is why Marconi is a great club."

They have fallen on lean times, I suggest.

"Well, you'll find that no club in the world can go on its merry winning way, year after year, without dropping into a low ebb. Marconi found its own doom the year before last, then the shake-up during the season which has just completed and all in order to find a new winning path. The reason is obvious should Marconi continue to improve it will invariably help improve football generally and help the national team as well."

Was that your aim?

"My aim was to see an improved Marconi, to achieve success. But my ultimate aim was to create a player of some

skill, a player with an eye for creation rather than a robot. One look at Roberto Vieri and the respect he commands should tell you the rest of the story. With little if no speed at all but immense skill, Roberto is still capable of turning the game around in the Australian national league. That does not augur well for our youngsters and that is why I tried hard to instill some of that love for the football which I was brought up with."

Does it mean you would like to create an individual who would amuse the crowd with his artistry?

"No. It is a gradual process of making a complete player, skillful and just as capable to be an individual as he is to be a part of that machine called a team. To be able to have at least two or three solutions as to what to do with the ball before you have received it is possibly the easiest way to explain my motto in football. And that requires an ample amount of skill, confidence and a sharp eye."

Fluent in his own language as well as German and Greek, Kapetanovic insists that English will be mastered in time. As for football he is adamant that one does not have to have a perfect English vocabulary, but solid football knowledge and a keen eye.

We keep inventing problems for ourselves

"If we keep using this word 'entertainment' we'll just be creating another problem for ourselves. Then again, that typifies the general malaise of Australian soccer and the soccer Press in particular."

"We are a developing soccer nation. The standard of the PSL is far higher than people give it credit for. We don't have the soccer population, media coverage and sponsors of many other countries, so within the structure of Australian soccer results are paramount."

Heidelberg plays an economical style of soccer which has given us a consistent following. We finished fourth in the league this year. St George was two points above us in second place. How much more entertaining were they?

"The word 'boring' has obvious negative connotations. It reflects on me, my players and the club in general. It is totally unwarranted. The sooner the soccer press real-

izes that the game is all about winning and losing, the better for all concerned.

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Can Toal win the 1982

• The 1982 Victorian Rothmans Medal winner will be announced at a gala night at Melbourne's Southern Cross Hotel on Friday, October 8. This is the first in a two part series which looks at the prospective candidates for the most prestigious award in Victorian soccer...

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

George Cross striker Bobby Toal, livewire Albion winger Bennie Ferrie, Devonport evergreen Jim Train and Juventus ace Fabio Incantalupo loom as potential winners of the 1982 Victorian Rothmans Medal, awarded to the best and fairest player in State League.

The votes for the Rothmans are given by referees on a 3-2-1 basis for every State League game. Players sent off throughout the league season are ineligible for the award.

Here we look at the prospects of players from seven State League clubs. Players from the seven remaining clubs will be featured next week in the second part of this series.

We have taken a lead from the VSF by only looking at the medal chances of players invited to the gala night by the federation.

It hardly seems possible



George Cross ace Bobby Toal

that the winner won't be invited. Three players from each club are invited by the VSF to this annual award night. Let's look at their chances:

ALBION ROVERS

BENNIE FERRIE: This little Scot has been used both up front and in midfield. He is in his first season in Australia and undoubtedly is one of the stars of State League.

Ferrie is the type of small, sharp and skilful player who catches the referee's eye.

He delights in taking on and beating opponents, so it's usually action plus when he's in possession. There's little doubt that he's been one of Albion's most consistent players and he should poll extremely well.

KENNY SMART: A product of the Albion Juniors, this blond headed attacking player has close ball skills to burn. He's turned in some outstanding performances this year, notably against Juventus at Olympic Park No. 2 in late August. Smart tore the Juventus defence to ribbons, scored one of the goals in the 2-2 draw and could have grabbed the winner.

Like Ferrie, he's the type of player who catches the referee's attention. Although Ferrie is my tip to be Albion's biggest vote getter, young Smart won't be far behind.

Rothmans?



Albion Rovers star Ken Smart (right) is challenged by Ajax midfielder Alan Bennett. At left is Ajax fullback Peter Lewis. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

DANNY LACOCK: He's made the No. 1 goalkeeper's position at Albion this season and his lightning sharp reflexes probably are his biggest asset. He's not the tallest keeper around but makes up for his lack of inches by his commitment to attacking the ball fearlessly. He should be extremely happy with his season as should Albion which lost experienced Bill Johnson to Western Suburbs earlier this year.

JUVENTUS

FABIO INCANTALUPO: One of the rising stars of Victorian and Australian soccer. He played a big part in the fine effort of the Australian youth team in last year's World Youth Cup and won senior Soccer selection when national boss Les Scheinflug decided to use the youngsters to finish off Australia's unsuccessful World Cup qualifying series.

He's a left sided attacking player, who probably is at his best when given a flanking midfielder's role in a 4-4-2 formation.

Incantalupo has a lethal left foot shot, good close ball control and isn't scared to take on the responsibility of running at opposing defenders.

He's been at his best in the second half of the season and he may be the biggest vote getter from the Italian sponsored club.

HARRY HIRD: A model of consistency, Hird is one of the best left backs in the league and also has been successful as a stop gap sweeper whenever Paddy Bannon has been unavailable.

This former Altona City defender loves to get forward and his partnership with Incantalupo and Kevin Swincoe down the left side is one of the strengths of Juventus.

I must be honest and say that I underrated Hird until this season. Every time I've seen Juventus in 1982 Hird hardly has put a foot wrong. I'm amazed by his coolness under pressure, especially inside his defensive third of the field. There's no fluster to his game, he just does his job week after week. If the 1982 Rothmans Medal Winner emerges from one of the most consistent players in State League then Hird is in with a real chance.

STUART CUNNINGHAM: Joined Juventus last year from Preston Makeodonia and has had a topsy turvy season mainly due to injuries.

Cunningham usually plays on the right side of the Juventus midfield and his assets are his ball disposal and vision. I don't think that he's played enough games to win the medal.

CROYDON

STEVE MCCOMBE: Former Slavia stopper who has given good service to Croydon over the past few years and is one of the most respected defenders in State League.

McCombe is tall and

strong. There's not much that gets past him in the air and he's a constant menace when he goes forward to try to capitalise on a set piece situation.



Devonport dynamo Jim Train, in action against Juventus.

His would be one of the first names pencilled into any Croydon line-up at selection time. He's very honest and like Hird of Juventus, is a consistent performer. I expect McCombe to poll more votes than any other Croydon player.

GRAHAM HAUPPT: While Ken Kontra was coaching Croydon during the first half of this season, Haupt was the regular first team sweeper.

Then Bill McArthur took over and favored a central defensive partnership of McCombe and Ian Dobson. Haupt hasn't played enough games to win the medal.

MICK EDWARDS: One of Croydon's stalwarts and along with Ajax's Lou Denys and Bill Whiteside of Morwell Falcons, one of the most respected goalkeepers in State League.

Edwards' handling usually is first class and he's proven his agility with a few breathtaking saves this season. He also uses the ball well and his experience is a help to young defenders like Mark Brown and Gary Hobson.

DOVETON

JIM TRAIN: Don't go near the Croatia table if Train wins the 1982 Rothmans Medal. If you do you'll see some red faced officials.

Croatia had the chance to sign the former Slavia full back earlier this season but rejected him. It's not the type of thing which is conducive to ego building but Train showed his resilience by returning to Doveton where he has had an excellent season. Although in the veteran class he remains one of the best fullbacks in the league and there are a few more years left in those little legs of his.

Train is a bundle of energy. He's very aggressive and is one of the outstanding competitors in State League.

Train also is a fine footballer. I'll never forget a tremendous run he made against Albion two weeks ago. He took off from inside his defensive

Previous winners

- 1971 — John Gardiner (George Cross)
- 1972 — John Gardiner (George Cross)
- 1973 — Vince Bannon (Fitzroy Alexander)
- 1974 — Pat Bannon (Fitzroy Alexander)
- 1975 — David Baker (Hakoah St Kilda)
- 1976 — Jim Tansey (Slavia)
- 1977 — David Baker (Hakoah St Kilda)
- 1978 — Tommy Cumming (Essendon Croatia)
- 1980 — Bobby McGuinness (Juventus)
- 1981 — Charlie Egan (Frankston City)

half, played two one-twins, and found himself with only Danny Lacock to beat. Just as he was about to shoot he was tripped from behind. Amazingly, rather than award a penalty to Doveton the referee gave a free kick against Train for handling!

PAUL CORKE: Another honest competitor. He joined Doveton in First Division and has been one of the club's best during its two years in State League.

Corke is simply built but is fearless in the tackle. He also has an excellent leap and there aren't many State League strikers who get the better of him in the air. He's a very fair

the ball, and if he'd been given better service he may have been among the leading scorers in the league.

BILL BUCHANAN: The VSF invited "Buechie" before he was sent off against Croydon. It would be a dull old league if not for characters like him. He's very skilful and has worked particularly hard this year.

GEORGE CROSS

BOBBY TOAL: One of the favorites for the medal in my estimation. Just about every time George Cross goes forward Toal's in the thick of the action. He's the best "diver" in the league and often looks hard done by. That should earn him plenty of referee's votes.

Let's not forget that he also is extremely skilful. He's very sharp and is a fine opportunist. It's rumored that a few PS1 clubs are interested in signing him for next season and if his reputed \$4,500 maximum transfer fee is factual he'll be a steal.

STEVE LAWSON: A broken leg suffered against Hakoah on June 27 brought this fine defender's season to an abrupt end.

Lawson joined George Cross for \$4,500 this season from Slavia and his consistency and composure as a sweeper were vital to the top four chances of the Maltese sponsored club.

Hopefully he'll be fully recovered and back to his best in 1983. He's a fierce competitor and his fine disposal often is the springboard for George Cross's forward forays.

DAVE RIGBY: Formerly with Mooroolbark, Adelaide City and Hakoah, Rigby is in his second season with George Cross.

He is the highest scoring midfielder in State League, finishing among the top three league scorers this season.

Rigby has excellent vision and disposal. His ability to put a foot on the ball and slow things down is vital when so many games develop into kick-and-rush contests.

He has given George Cross another avenue to goal and that has been important when you consider the inability to date of Toal and Carl Gilder to really hit it off as a striking duo.

SUNSHINE

ROB NELSON: He was runner-up to Charlie Egan in last year's Rothmans and he'll probably be Sunshine's highest vote-getter again.

It was a bit of a surprise last year to see Nelson get so close in the voting to Egan but as this is rumored to be his last year with the Shiners it would be fitting if once again he polled extremely well.

He enjoys spreading the ball about and long, accurate passing is a feature of his game. However, not so much this season, as joint coaches Steve Gaw and Ray Pocock prefer a short, interpassing game.

JIM McROBERT: He is in his 11th season with the Shiners and has a third placed finish in the Rothmans to his credit. That was in the 1970's round about the same time as he played for Victoria against touring Scottish giant Glasgow Rangers.

McRobert is small, fast and brave, attributes which have enabled him to become one of the mainstays of State League soccer in the past decade.

ROB GRAMSBERGEN: Joined Sunshine from Altona City last year but injury ruined his season. Things have been different in 1982 and this tall strong stopper has turned in some fine performances.

He is a very honest competitor. For that reason alone he deserves to poll well.



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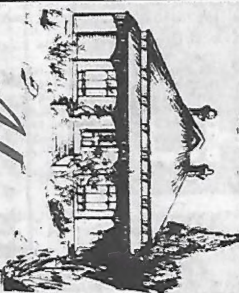
BACK ROW: Alan Jackson (coach), David Wainwright, Bob Wright, John Byrne, Drago Milosovic, Ian Macle, Dino Milosovic, Bob Gittie (President).
FRONT ROW: Peter Papadopoulos, Willie Kerr, Alastair Taylor, David Beattie, Neil Collier, Arthur Hill, Wally Occhiavetti.
MISSING: Alex Fox, Billy Gardel, Paul Magano, Steve Sumner.

Victorian club North Dandenong, in the Third Division of the Metropolitan League, celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. The club was founded in 1972 and played in the now defunct District League and didn't take long to start its march to Metro ranks. For seven years Alex MacKay was at the coaching helm. During that time the club progressed through District ranks into the Provisional League, winning Second Division in 1977. Two years later North Dandenong won its way

into the Metro Fourth Division after finishing runner-up in the First Division of the Provisional League. After just two seasons in Metro company North Dandenong won promotion to Third Division at the beginning of the 1981 season. Under coach Alan Jackson the club almost won its way into Second Division this season, finishing in third place, two points away from second placed Nunawading City.

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Victorian Industrial League Black Douglas Cup final



The TAA team, from left, standing: Tom Racco (coach), Wicks, Mark Seberras, Hartmunt Seppel. Front: Tony Sliwinski, Alex Matthews, Peter Sliwinski (captain), Alan Walker, Alfie Calleja, George Gibson.

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It's been a long time between drinks for Black Douglas Cup finalist TAA.

The club was promoted to the Victorian Industrial League Second Division in 1976 but since then league and Cup success has proved elusive.

This year the players have worked hard however, to get to the Cup final for the first time. They reached the quarter-finals back in 1979 but were beaten by the eventual winner, Tarax.

Their Cup results this year have been:

2-1 v. Altona North (4th Div.);

3-1 v. Bowwater Scott (1st Div.);

4-2 v. Altona Rovers (1st Div.);

2-1 v. J. M. Welding (1st Div.).

TAA entered the Industrial League in 1975 and won the Fourth Division championship at its first attempt.

Previously, it played only friendly matches for five years, many of them against other airlines. The team even travelled to Sydney and as far as Fiji for matches!

Here is a brief run-down on the TAA players:

RUSSELL BARTH, goalkeeper: sharp as a black panther;

ALFIE CALLEJA, full back: steady as a rock;

TONY SLIWINSKI, full back: loves to attack;

ROBBIE MCINTYRE, midfield or sweeper: 'Red Baron' in the air;

ALEX MATTHEWS, midfield: in the class of Bobby Moore, or so say his team-mates;

KEITH CHARLESWORTH, midfield: an artist in the middle of the park;

STAN SLIWINSKI, midfield: a very hard worker;

ALAN WALKER, winger: a jet plane down the flanks;

HARTMUNT SEPP, winger: fine ball skills;

RUSSEL WICK, forward: lets no half chance go by;

PAUL CLIFFORD, full back: a brick wall;

PETER SLIWINSKI, sweeper and captain likes to clean up a mess;

TOM RACCO, coach: Look out, Ron Barassi!





Bosch Soccer Club, from left, back row: A. Vecris, E. Ovca, W. Borovnjak (now coach of AR Split). Front: J. Sadikovic, S/Fus, J. Crelic, L. Matic, R. Petelinek, N. Gadanec, M. Packo, A. Veneziano, J. Rajher, T. Placko.

Bosch boasts Milinov, Petelinek and Rajher

Bosch Soccer Club, formed in 1959, was one of the first industrial teams in Victoria and has been sponsored and supported by the Robert Bosch company ever since.

Apart from competing successfully in the Victorian Amateur and Industrial League, Bosch also boasts successes in various Cup competitions over the years.

Up to 1961, it competed only in friendly matches.

Bosch won the 1961 Lilydale Cup and has an excellent record in the annual "New World" Cup, winning it in 1972 and 1982 and coming second in 1964 and 1970.

The Dandenong Industrial League was formed in 1968 and Bosch won the championship for three successive years.

Bosch also competes regularly in the Monash University seven-a-side competition, winning it in 1976 and coming third in 1974 and 1975.

Other achievements include having been runner-up in the 1980 Hawksburn Cup and runner-up in the club's 1979 league competition.

Bosch always has managed to reach the last eight of the Black Douglas Cup and looks forward to winning it for the first time.

Club president is Max Schweighofer, secretary Yvonne Schweighofer, and treasurer Zlatko Skoda.

The Bosch team:
LEO MATIC, 26, goalkeeper, joined 1980 from AR Split.

ANDREW VECRIS, 41, defender, former Hellas player, joined Bosch 1977 from McColl.

ANTON PLACKO 38, defender, joined from Pegasus in 1979.



Max Schweighofer, president

JOVAN MILINOV, 37, defender, former Footscray J.U.S.T. senior player, also was with Tarax before joining Bosch in 1981.

ROMAN PETELINEK, 34, defender, captain. Ex-Melbourne and Pegasus, joined 1970, former captain of Industrial League representative team.

MIRO PLACKO, 37, midfielder, ex-Pegasus, joined 1979, league rep player.

EDDY SADIKOVIC, 24, forward, ex-Carlton, joined 1979.

PETKO TOMICZ, 25, forward, ex-J.U.S.T., joined 1982.

STEPHAN FUS, 35, forward, player-coach, joined 1979 from Pegasus.

JOE RAJHER, 37, midfielder, ex-Croatia, Pegasus, Roman Leathergoods.

IBRIAN SABANOVSKI, 19, forward, ex-Dandenong and Visy Board, joined 1982.

IVAN MATOS, 31, forward, ex-Pegasus, Rowville, joined 1982.

TONY BOROVNJAK, 39, defender, joined 1979.

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Dino Zoff — the 24

Carat golden oldie

By PAUL MOON

Irrespective of whom they support, those approaching middle age had a special hero during the World Cup; for Italian captain Dino Zoff celebrated his 40th birthday last February.

Born in Mariano del Friuli, near Venice, Zoff cannot remember wanting to be anything other than a goalkeeper but lack of height appeared likely to jeopardise his chances during his early years.

In his mid teens though he began to sprout and at 15 went to Juventus for a trial. The club was not impressed and declined to sign him. That mistake was to cost "Juve" a million dollars!

Internazionale Milan also decided against offering terms and it was left to Udinese to realise that the eager youngster possessed outstanding ability.

Zoff made his Serie A debut for the Friuli club in September, 1961; and conceded five goals at Fiorentina!

It didn't take him long to hit the headlines however, starring for Udinese as it beat champion Juventus in Turin.

Despite this sensational result, Udinese was relegated but its goalkeeper was not to linger in the lower division for long as Mantova willingly paid a substantial transfer fee.

Although Mantova made little headway in Serie A, Zoff did and he extracted ample revenge on Inter, which had rejected him a few years earlier.

The Milan club travelled to lowly Mantova requiring a win to secure the 1966-67 league title. Instead it was denied by the home side's inspired last line of defence and it was Juventus that topped the ladder.

During his four seasons at Mantova, the club yo-yoed between the top two sections. Obviously it had little chance of gaining major honours and Zoff was happy moving to Napoli.

The Neapolitans, then as now, were eagerly recruiting talent in an attempt to stumble across a combination capable of gaining its first championship success.

The title eluded Napoli but its goalkeeper thrived. In 1968 he wore the Italian jersey for the first time in a European Championship quarter final game against Bulgaria.

Italy won 2-0 and Zoff retained his place as USSR and then Yugoslavia were overcome, enabling Italy to gain its first major accolade since the 1938 World Cup.

The Slavs' defeat in the Rome final remains the most memorable match of Zoff's brilliant career.

By the time the World Cup came round two years later Ricki Albertosi had regained the



DINO ZOFF . . . still manages a smile while congratulating The Haiti player who scored against him.

'keeper's position for "Azzurri" and Zoff had to be content watching his countrymen reach the final from the substitutes' bench.

If the Italian selectors harbored doubts about Zoff's talent, Juventus had become, belatedly, convinced of his worth and in the summer of 1972 he went into the football annals as the first million-dollar goalkeeper.

Many will argue that no player is worth such a sum of money but it is doubtful if any Juventus supporters are included in their number.

Zoff has not missed a single league game during his decade at Turin, during which the Zebras have been Italian champions half a dozen times.

In the middle of his initial season with Juventus, Zoff clocked up a sequence of 903 minutes without conceding a goal. Recalled to international duty, he did even better with Italy.

For 1,143 minutes the Italian goal remained unbreached. Among the countries defied by Zoff during this period were Austria, Brazil, England (twice), Sweden and Switzerland (twice).

Amazingly, it was little Haiti that finally beat him. That occurred during the 1974 World Cup finals, in which his tournament favorites, failed to get beyond the first phase. This was a bitter blow for Zoff, who had been runner-up in the previous year's European Footballer of the Year poll — a tribute to his part in Juventus' run through the Champions' Cup final.

Defeated by Ajax Amsterdam then, Juve had to wait until 1977 before recording its first and long overdue success in European competition when overcoming Athletic Bilbao in the UEFA Cup decider.

By this time Zoff had been long established as one of the game's leading personalities and he had every reason to look forward to the World Cup in Argentina.

Unfortunately, his 1978 campaign is best recalled for the three long-range shots which beat him as Italy finished a creditable fourth.

Was Zoff's career on the decline? That pertinent question was posed throughout the soccer world as countless Mundial post-mortems were held.

The answer came quickly as Zoff produced the best form of his life and the veteran has subsequently passed many milestones.

Late in 1981 he beat Giacinto Facchetti's record of 94 caps for Italy and during the World Cup he broke the century.

Only Silvio Piola (566 appearances) has played

in more Serie A games, but is scheduled to be overhauled this season.

And overhauled he surely will be, for Zoff dismisses all suggestions of impending retirement. After all, didn't his great hero Lev Yashin play on until he was 45?

Fitness is maintained by disciplined, almost obsessive, training routines. His weight has changed little in 15 years.

Don't be surprised to see Dino Zoff guarding the Italian goal in the Colombia four years hence.

He's got a World Cup to defend.

Toni Schumacher now Soccer's 'bad boy'

By PAUL MOON

While Paolo Rossi rightly was hailed as the hero of the 1982 World Cup, West German goalkeeper Toni Schumacher, just as conclusively, was universally branded the Mundial's villain over his brutal attack on Patrick Battiston, which resulted in the Frenchman being stretched off unconscious and minus two teeth.

Schumacher now finds himself as the most loathed individual in international soccer — subject to abuse from fans and even death threats from the lunatic fringe.

Life therefore has turned sour for a player who only recently described himself as one of the luckiest in the game.

Schumacher joined Cologne, his only senior club, in 1972 from amateur Schwarz-Weiß Duran and within two seasons was a regular in the Bundesliga.

Although officially named Harald, the Cologne fans rechristened him "Toni" in deference to another, unrelated Schumacher; who had been a popular figure between the

team's posts a decade earlier.

The new tag stuck almost immediately. Cologne won the West German Cup in 1977 and a year later accomplished a rare league-cup "double".

Although Cologne's last line of defence was prominent during both triumphant campaigns, Schumacher was rated no higher than fifth best in the country.

With the ultra-durable Sepp Maier seemingly in permanent possession of West Germany's No.1 jersey, the prospect of senior international soccer appeared remote.

Remarkably, fate thrust Schumacher into contention.

A car crash cruelly terminated Maier's career



Toni Schumacher

and his immediate successors suffered either drastic loss of form or injury. Thus the Cologne custodian was called up to face Iceland in May, 1979.

He previously had been capped three at "B" level and played in six youth internationals, therefore should not have been overruled by the occasion but unaccountably "froze", having a horrendous match, though the Germans won 3-1.

Schumacher had to wait another 11 months before being given a second opportunity and this time played competently enough to be

named as first choice for the forthcoming European championship.

In Italy he "came of age"; being acknowledged as one of the stars of a tournament his side dominated.

Although playing in the final against Belgium with a badly strained wrist, Schumacher was beaten only by a controversially awarded penalty.

In the two seasons before the World Cup, his status gradually was consolidated as he became one of Europe's more respected performers.

This popularity had a horde of marketing men knocking on Schumacher's door. He is reputed to earn \$350,000 a year for endorsing Adidas sportswear, McDonald's hamburgers, Opel motor cars and Schogetter chocolates.

Exemplary conduct earned him the Cologne captaincy.

It took 10 years to build such an envied and lucrative standing but only a moment of impetuosity to shatter it.

Theorists and thugs keep

the fans at home

The English Football League has scrapped a million-pound plan to advertise its matches on TV and radio and in the press because it cannot afford it.

In other words, football doesn't produce enough money to pay for a campaign to bring in more money. It is equivalent to reading the last rites over the game.

Football is the most popular sport in the world. In a sense it is advertised on TV every weekend. Match after match shows with the worst, most boring episodes cut out.

Yet it continues to lose its attraction. Why?

It is not lack of advertising which makes people unaware of what happens on a Saturday afternoon in winter.

On the contrary, they are only too aware of it.

The fans have revolted. They no longer want to pay a couple of pounds to stand in the rain or several pounds to sit in an uncomfortable, wind-blown, amenity-less stand.

They do not want to watch negative back-passing, shotless tip-tapping, foul-strawn tackling and computerised boredom.

They do not care to listen to mindless slogans, tuneless singing and constant obscenities. They do not wish to see a match through waving headscarves and national flags.

And they do not wish to be beaten up or jostled by gangs of hooligans as they leave the stadium or catch their train.

Football is still a great game. But it has become the victim of theorists on the field and thugs on the terraces.

Get rid of those and the crowds will come back. Then there will be no need to advertise.

"Daily Mirror", England.

New England

	Age	Caps
SHILTON (Stamilton)	33	42
CLEMENCE (Spurs)	34	59
ANDERSON (N. Fer)	28	10
THOMPSON (Liverpool)	28	40
BURTON (Aston Villa)	23	8
SANSON (Aston Villa)	24	28
NEAL (Liverpool)	31	39
OSMAN (Ipswich)	23	8
COPELL (Man. Utd)	27	40
WILKINS (Man. Utd)	28	52
ROBERTSON (Man. Utd)	25	23
HILL (Aston Villa)	23	8
RIX (Aston Villa)	24	13
ARMSTRONG (Spurs)	27	1
MAHNER (Ipswich)	29	26
WOODCOCK (Aston Villa)	24	24
DEVONSHIRE (WH)	28	4
MORLEY (Aston Villa)	28	4
FRANCIS (Sheff Wed)	28	32

US standings

	NASL	Final regular season standings
	EAST	W L OF GA DP PP
Columbus	23	9 7 3 32 87 283
Metropolitan	19	13 10 43 48 189
Toronto	17	16 14 41 48 181
Chicago	13	18 10 87 55 179
	WEST	
San Diego	18	14 72 42 80 160
San Jose	13	21 71 84 84 162
Vancouver	20	12 58 48 84 122
Portland	14	18 40 48 84 122
San Jose	13	18 47 82 38 114
Edmonton	11	21 37 80 32 83

AMAZING GOTHENBURG!

Since European club competitions commenced in 1955, giant killing acts have been few and far between.

The two-leg format drastically reduces the possibility of surprises, while the gulf between Europe's elite and the minnows is generally immense.

IFK Gothenburg's feat of winning the 1981 UEFA Cup,

culminating in a stunning 4-0 win over German giant SV Hamburg, was therefore nothing short of amazing.

Known as Idrottsforeningen Kamraterna Göteborg in Sweden and simply IFK Gothenburg everywhere else, the club is the country's most popular.

Although meagre by World standards, its average league attendances of 13,000 stands as the best in Sweden and during major games the Nya Ullevi Stadium, which was built for the 1958 World Cup, is filled to its 53,000 capacity.

Founded in 1904, IFK won its first national championship just four years later at a time when the city of Gothenburg dominated Swedish soccer.

It was traditional local rival Degerby which enjoyed the greater success though and it is still Sweden's most accomplished club at domestic level, with 13 championships to its name, even if the last one came more than 40 years ago.

IFK has gained eight titles, but its greatest claim to fame, prior to last season, was as a nursery for overseas clubs.

Gunnar Gren, Gunnar Andersson and Ralf Edstrom all started their careers with IFK before gaining glory with AC Milan, Olympique Marseilles and PSV Eindhoven respectively.

Part-time Swedish clubs have little chance of keeping their best players if major foreign clubs require them, but Gothenburg's playing staff receives better remuneration than most and all have lucrative jobs outside the game.

A substantial sponsorship from shipping company ICA

enables Gothenburg to recruit leading players from other parts of Sweden and the club has even brought star expatriates home, notably Edstrom and current hero Torbjorn Nilsson who, having failed to settle in Holland, returned to Gothenburg for a mere \$100,000 in 1977.

IFK, nicknamed "The Angels", has been Sweden's best supported club since Degerby's decline in the '50s and managed to maintain this popularity despite a six-year stint in Division Two, which ended only in 1976.

Ironically, it was relegated just a year after gaining its last championship success.

Gothenburg has always been the hotbed of Scandinavian football and reward for IFK's loyal, fanatical support is long overdue.

Few could have foreseen it coming in the UEFA Cup. Before its epic campaign of 1981-82, Gothenburg's record in Europe was poor, heavy defeats having been suffered at the hands of Wismut Aue (6-2), Feyenoord (11-2), Legia Warsaw (6-1) and Arsenal (5-1).

Logically Hamburg should have dispatched the Swedes with equal ease; as Valencia and Kaiserslautern had been expected to do in earlier rounds.

The fact that all three failed further illustrates what a fascinatingly unpredictable game soccer is.

— PAUL MOON

Ronnie Whelan—Ireland's greatest?

There are few aspects of soccer more exciting than an unknown young player bursting on to the scene and enthraling fans throughout the world.

Irishman Ronnie Whelan, 20, is in only his second senior season with Liverpool yet is being widely tipped to become Ireland's greatest footballing son.

Whelan signed for Liverpool on his 18th birthday after only a handful of games for the League of Ireland club Home Farm.

He initially was apprehensive about his move across the Irish Sea as his father, who made two international appearances in 1964, once had trialled with Chelsea only to return to Dublin with acute home sickness.

The younger Whelan suffered from the same problem but gritted his teeth and let

the Liverpool grooming machine project him towards stardom.

Thirty appearances and eight goals for the Liverpool reserve side which won the 1980-81 Central League championship gave indications of a glittering future, yet first team opportunities at Anfield are rare as gold dust.

Only once during the season was he given the chance to parade his talents in the First Division. A magnificent display against Stoke City, which included the opening goal in a 3-0 victory, claimed the sporting headlines, yet he found himself back in second team football the following week.

Even though does not enjoy the same luxury of depth and Whelan was drafted in to make his debut in a magnificent 3-1 defeat of Czechoslovakia.

Whelan now is a fixture in the Republic's team, which has achieved an unprecedented respectability in world soccer.

Liverpool probably would have been content to keep Whelan in the wings for a further year had his team not experienced an appalling start to last season.

Changes obviously were essential and the wiry Irishman was brought into midfield. His success was immediate and so conclusive that seasoned English international Ray Kennedy was allowed to leave for Swansea.

The League Cup final triumph over Tottenham has been the highlight, to date, of the Liverpool revival. Here Whelan scored twice during his Wembley debut.

Poise, balance, the ability to ghost into scoring positions, vision and equal effectiveness with left and right foot are his hallmarks.

Already he has been compared with Peter Doherty, rated by many as the greatest Irishman to kick a soccer ball. Irrespective of whether or not he lives up to these extreme expectations, the future of Ronnie Whelan appears assured.



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

ZIENTARA NEW POLAND COACH

The perfect striker



Every manager could do with a goal happy striker. So to make sure the bosses know exactly what they're looking for, the Scottish Sunday Post compiled the perfect striker. As follows:

- 1 — BALD HEAD ... to blind opposition in floodlit matches.
- 2 — AN EYE ... for a goal.
- 3 — EAR MUFFS ... to shut out terracing abuse.
- 4 — BROKEN NOSE ... to save the centre-half the trouble of doing it.
- 5 — BUT-TONED LIP ... to avoid dissent.
- 6 — NECK OF A GIRAFFE ... to reach high crosses.
- 7 WING MIRROR ON NECK ... to watch for back tackles.
- 8 — EXTRA ARM ... for goal claims.
- 9 — SPIKES ON HIS ELBOWS ... to fight off defenders.
- 10 — BROKEN HEART ... after missing all those pinches.
- 11 — BROAD HIPS ... as a cushion when knocked down.
- 12 — HANDLES ON SHORTS ... to assist trainer carrying him off.
- 13 — TREE TRUNK LEGS ... for surviving tackles.
- 14 — WINGS ON BOOTS ... to fly clear of defenders.
- 15 — BOOTS WITH ADVERTISING SPACE ON SOLES ... Handy when carried off in front of TV cameras.

Rummenigge loses status, three new men for Ajax

The growing list of World Cup managers who have been given the order of the boot since the finals in Spain has been joined by Antoni Piechniczek of Poland. New Poland manager is 44 times capped Edmund Zientara who had been a member of the national coaching staff, and played for Polonia in Melbourne in the early 60s.

West German soccer magazine 'Kicker' says there are only "world-class" players in the country: Stopper Karl-Heinz Foerster and winger Pierre Littbarski. European Footballer of the Year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has been relegated to "international class" according to "Kicker's" ratings.

Dutch side Ajax signed three new players in the close season. The newcomers are: 20-year-old Malaysian winger Fandi Ahmed, Dane Jan Molby and Van Vee from Utrecht. But Ajax's star is undoubtedly 19-year-old striker Wim Kieft, European Golden Boot winner who rammed home 32 goals in 34 matches last season. Ajax recently clinched a \$350,000 sponsorship deal with TDK an electrical company.

Since his transfer from Norwich City to Nottingham Forest little more than a year ago Justin Fashanu seldom has been out of front and back-page news.

His complete loss of form and his inability to score even infrequently last season with Brian Clough's Forest is of course his biggest problem and resulted in the player being transfer-listed.

With no other club interested, he jumped at the chance a few weeks ago of joining Lawrie McMenemy's South-

ampton on a month's loan but after playing only three matches and not being over-impressive, Fashanu was sidelined for a two-match suspension for a sending-off the pre-season with Nottingham Forest in Spain.

Sandwiched in between all that, the former Adelaide City guest player had been reunited with his long-lost father in Africa, won a libel action against a national newspaper and while still at Nottingham, strung up a list of parking fines as long as your arm.

Things don't look too bright for Fashanu at the moment although there is a possibility that Southampton will try to prolong his loan period — once his two-match suspension is up.

Ron Atkinson, the Manchester United manager, makes no secret of his interest in Alan Brazil, the Ipswich Town and Scotland striker. And Atkinson's star Dutch midfielder Arnold Muhren



From JIM COOK our European correspondent

reckons Brazil is one of the best strikers in European soccer.

Norwich City which suffered a loss of \$1mil. on last year's workings, may have been saved from bankruptcy by winning promotion back to the First Division. At least that is the view of the Canaries' chairman, Sir Arthur South, and it could be right, as home games with Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur and a lot more big names could bring a bonanza through the turnstiles.

Allan Simonsen, the Danish star with Barcelona who cannot get a first-team place with the Spanish club due to the two-foreigner rule, was subject of a bid by second division Charlton recently. But Barcelona is holding Simonsen to his contract which runs until next June.

Juventus, recently beaten 1-0 by newly-promoted Sampdoria of Genoa, had seven World Cup players in its line-up — five of the victorious Italian side plus Platini of France and Boniek of Poland. Trevor Francis of England and Liam Brady of Republic of Ireland were in the winning Sampdoria side.

Star striker of the Brazilian club Vasco, Claudio Adao, has been sold to Al Ahli of Saudi Arabia for around \$1mil. which might suggest that the South American clubs like their European counterparts are feeling the economic pinch.

After his poor displays for Spain in the World Cup, midfielder Jesus Zamora of Real Sociedad is out of action, recovering from a cartilage operation.

England now has to pay clubs \$1500 for every player called up for the international squad. And the payments have been backdated to February, leaving the F.A. with a bill approaching \$400,000 from 12 matches. The deal was agreed after some clubs threatened to force a showdown unless they were compensated and it is thought that Liverpool, Manchester United and Spurs were among the powerful elite who forced F.A. to pay up.

Scottish clubs are expected to follow suit but it is alarming news for Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Eire whose payments to clubs and players would almost take all their receipts from international matches and could send them bankrupt.

It's a far cry from the days when clubs regarded having their players selected for international duty as an honor. Now some are regarding this payment as blackmail by the clubs.

Aston Villa started its defence of the European Cup against Turkish champions Vesikias \$130,000 out of pocket. Fined \$30,000 after some of Villa's supporters rioted in last year's final in Brussels against Bayern Munich, the club was compelled to play its



FLASHBACK: Poland's new national coach Edmund Zientara makes a speech on arrival in Melbourne in the early sixties to play for Polonia. He broke a leg in his first match but recovered later to show some of his extraordinary ability.

match with Vesikias behind locked doors at Villa Park, with a \$100,000 loss.

Scottish Premier League side Hibernian has copped a \$200,000 sponsorship from Fishers Motors of Edinburgh. In addition Hibs will have a fleet of cars available to them and will also get several vehicles for their lottery and development scheme as prizes.

Arsenal footballer Raphael Meade, 19, has been jailed for two weeks for obstructing the police. Meade who played eight first team games for the Gunners last season was arrested on his way to a party as he tried to prevent the 5 (A.M. arrest of a friend for driving offences. His brother Victor also got 14 days in jail and both of the Meades were also ordered to pay \$300 costs.



Karl-Heinz Foerster (right), pursued by Italy's Bruno Conti during the World Cup final. 'Kicker' magazine rates Foerster in 'world class.'



West German captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge of Bayern Munich — relegated to 'international class.'



Justin Fashanu who guested with Adelaide City — suspended, won a libel case, reunited with his dad and paying a string of parking fines.

European championships review—part 2

Beckenbauer now German coach?

The world champion, Italy, as well as some of the more notable failures of the Mundial, feature in Groups 4 to 7 of the European Championship eliminations which are well and truly under way.

For Italy, the pressure is on and will remain intense, as country after country tries to knock them off their high pedestal.

Others, such as Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Spain, will be seeking redemption following thoroughly undistinguished performances in the World Cup finals.

GROUP FOUR: Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Norway, Wales.

Looking strictly at recent form, it should be a toss-up between the plucky Welshmen and the artistic but unpredictable Yugoslavs, who are in the throes of a witch-hunt in the wake of their ignominious early demise in Spain.

Manager Milan Miljanic was the first to be sent packing and there are whispers of the possible reintroduction of "collective control" over the national squad by a panel of coaches.

Players have been banned from joining foreign clubs but no firm new direction has been established, although time is of the essence as the Yugoslavs are scheduled to meet all three of their opponents before the end of this year.

With the less than outstanding performances of the recent past firmly in their minds, the Bulgarians are preparing quietly, hoping to catch opponents unawary.

As for Wales, only inferior goal difference stood between them and a place in Spain. Steeled by the white hot atmosphere of the English League, the Welsh players for a team which is close to unbeatable in Cardiff.

GROUP FIVE: Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Romania, Sweden.

Italy's World Cup triumph was received with mixed feelings in Bucharest.

There was precious little joy over the prospect of facing the cock-a-hoop Azurris, but the chance of knocking them off could act as a booster.

The Romanians are now doubly determined to do well, and their confidence was not harmed by wins over Cyprus (3-1) and Sweden (2-0) in their first two matches, both at home.

There are plenty of problems on the plate of Joe Venglos' successor as Czech manager, Frantisek Havranek.

He takes charge after a purge which not only saw Venglos removed but also the president and committee of the Football Association, and the suspension from international duty of every player in the ill-fated Mundial squad.

By PETER SCOTT

GROUP FOUR PROGRAM: 1982
Oct 13, Norway v Yugoslavia; Oct 17, Bulgaria v Norway; Nov 17, Bulgaria v Yugoslavia; Dec 18, Yugoslavia v Wales; 1983 - Apr 27, Wales v Bulgaria; Sep 7, Norway v Bulgaria; Sep 21, Norway v Wales; Oct 12, Yugoslavia v Norway; Nov 16, Bulgaria v Wales; Dec 14, Wales v Yugoslavia; Dec 21, Yugoslavia v Bulgaria.

GROUP FIVE PROGRAM: 1982
Romania v Cyprus 3-1; Romania 2-0 v Spain; 0-0 v Czechoslovakia v Sweden; Dec 4, Italy v Romania; 1983 - Feb 12, Cyprus v Italy; Mar 27, Cyprus v Czechoslovakia; Apr 10, Romania v Italy; Apr 18, Czechoslovakia v Cyprus; May 15, Sweden v Cyprus; May 19, 1-0 v Romania; 0-0 v Czechoslovakia; Jun 6, Sweden v Romania; Sep 21, Sweden v Czechoslovakia; Oct 18, Italy v Sweden; Nov 12, Cyprus v Romania; Nov 18, Czechoslovakia v Italy; Nov 30, Czechoslovakia v Romania; Dec 22, Italy v Cyprus.

GROUP SIX PROGRAM: 1982
Oct 13, Austria v Northern Ireland; Oct 27, Turkey v Albania; Nov 17, Northern Ireland v West Germany; Nov 17, Austria v Turkey; Dec 18, Albania v Northern Ireland; 1983 - Mar 30, Northern Ireland v Turkey; Mar 30, Albania v West Germany; Apr 23, Turkey v West Germany; Apr 27, Austria v Turkey; Jun 8, Albania v Austria; Sept 21, Northern Ireland v Austria; Oct 12, West Germany v Austria; Oct 27, Turkey v Northern Ireland; Oct 28, West Germany v Turkey; Nov 16, West Germany v Northern Ireland; Nov 18, Turkey v Austria; Nov 20, West Germany v Albania.

GROUP SEVEN PROGRAM: 1982
Malta v Ireland 2-1; Oct 13, Elre v Iceland; Oct 27, Spain v Iceland; Nov 17, Elre v Spain; Dec 18, Malta v Holland; 1983 - Feb 16, Spain v Holland; Mar 30, Malta v Elre; Apr 27, Spain v Elre; May 15, Malta v Spain; May 29, Iceland v Spain; Jun 8, Iceland v Malta; Sep 7, Holland v Iceland; Sep 21, Iceland v Elre; Oct 12, Elre v Holland; Nov 16, Elre v Malta; Dec 21, Spain v Malta.

GROUP EIGHT PROGRAM: 1982
Oct 13, Elre v Iceland; Oct 27, Spain v Iceland; Nov 17, Elre v Spain; Dec 18, Malta v Holland; 1983 - Feb 16, Spain v Holland; Mar 30, Malta v Elre; Apr 27, Spain v Elre; May 15, Malta v Spain; May 29, Iceland v Spain; Jun 8, Iceland v Malta; Sep 7, Holland v Iceland; Sep 21, Iceland v Elre; Oct 12, Elre v Holland; Nov 16, Elre v Malta; Dec 21, Spain v Malta.

LATEST RESULTS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, Group Four: Wales 1, Norway 0 (at Swansea); Group three: Denmark 2, England 2 (at Copenhagen). Group seven: Netherlands 2, Ireland 1 (at Rotterdam). Group two: Portugal 2, Finland 0 (at Helsinki).

UEFA CUP, first round first leg: Majduk Split, Yugoslavia 4, Malta 1 (at Valletta); Shamrock Rovers, Ireland 3, Reykjavik, Iceland 0 (at Reykjavik).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS CUP, first round first leg: Waterschel, Belgium 7, Differdingen, Luxembourg 1 (at Genk, Belgium).

Thus Havranek starts from scratch, basing his squad on the 20-year-olds who finished second in the European Youth Championships in Finland. He does not have much time to form them into an effective unit, as the Swedes are due to visit Prague on October 6.

Taking all this into account, no team in this group should pose a major problem to Enzo Bearzot's Italians - but keep an eye on the Romanians, just in case.

GROUP SIX: Albania, Austria, Northern Ireland, West Germany, Turkey.

Fate pits Austria and West Germany against each other for the third time running in tournament football within a very short time.

They met in the World Cup qualifiers, then again in Spain. On this occasion the Germans go into battle as holders of the European Championship title - and silver medalists in Spain.

However, they must be the most unpopular World Cup finalists in decades, due to a number of circumstances, all of which had to do with their style of play and the tactics they employed.

It is redemption time for Juraj Derwall's men! But the battle of the two neighbours could well be overshadowed by the Ulstermen, who performed way above all expectations in Spain.

Billy Blingham's boys impressed as not only talented, but also enthusiastic, exuberant and tremendously disciplined.

Players such as Jennings, Nicholl, McIlroy and White-side were all mentioned among the best seen at the Mundial.

The Austrians, who managed to commit administrative harakiri after the World Cup eliminations, have continued their football fraticide following the finals.

Manager George Schmidt has been and gone and the man who is the cause of much of the upheaval, FA president Sekanina, has also finally seen the light and resigned.

But with everyone concentrating on these two, Elre could sneak in for an upset.

The Irish had to face Holland in the World Cup qualifiers and their more famous opponents failed to record a win against them.

Holland's subsequent elimination, in the light of the two silver medals they won at the previous two World Cup finals, was perhaps the biggest surprise of the competition.

Another such failure and even the generally cool and calm patient multitude could lose patience with their footballers.

The question is whether Boss Zwartkruis is managing to find the new faces who could make the world forget the great Dutch stars of the previous era.

ENGLISH FOOTBALL

Χορεύει το βήματο 9 Οκτώβρη 1982 η πρωταθλήτρια "Βουντον Ποντιόν" στο "Βαπασου Ρε σέσιον" από τις 7.30 μ.μ. μέχρι πρωί. Όλοι είναι ευπρόσδεκτοι και για ελεύθερη τηλεφώνηση στα μέλη του Δ.Βουντου-λίου.

Κατά την διάρκεια της βραδιά θα γίνει και η απονομή των άνωμαστικών έπαιδων στους ποδοσφαιριστές.

ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑ ΠΑΡΑΒΙΑ

Επίς 9 τού Οκτώβρη 1982 θα γίνει και ο ετήσιος χορός των ομάδων Πόντιον της αδίας Γιάροβαβίλ στην αίθουσα διεύσεως του Φράνσις Σαίτη Διοδία.

Κατά την διάρκεια της βραδιά θα γίνει και η απονομή των έπαιδων στους μικρούς άσους του συλλόγου.

Για ελεύθερη τηλεφώνηση στον πρόεδρο Κ.Αμανατίδης στύς 682068.

ΚΑΙ Ο ΠΕΛΟΠΑΣ

Και ο πρωταθλήτης Πέλοπας θα χορεύει τόν ετήσιον χορό τού στύς 16 τού Οκτώβρη. Οί φίλοι του μπορούν νά πάρουν τήν ελεύθερη τους από τή μέλη τού συλλόγου.

ΜΑΛΤΕΣΕΝ ΣΤΥΤ

Οί Ισρηδες τού Μάλτερν Στύτ με προπονητή τόν Πάλ Μίτσινα και γενικό άρχηγό τόν Κ.Αποστολόπουλο κέρδισαν άζια τόν πρώτο τίτλο της κατηγορίας τους.

Έπίσης τού τίτλου έφτασαν μέχρι τούς ήμιτελικούς.

Τέλος στην διοργάνωση τού Σέντραλ Ρήν-ι-ον που έγινε πρόσφατα κέρδισαν νά επάσουν στύν τελικό πού θα γίνει στύς 13 τού Οκτώβρη 1982.

ΠΡΟΧΟΡΕΨΑΝ ΤΑ ΑΣΤΕΡΑ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΛΤΕΡΝ

Για τόν Κόπελλο τού Προβίσιοναλ τόν άνω-πληρωματικόν άδων ή Β' άδων τού Μάλτερν Στύτ νίκησε τήν Ροσσάνα 2-0 και προχώρησε στύν επόμεινο γύρο.

Τά γκόλ πέτυχαν ο Γεωργιάδης και Κωνσταντίνου και ξεχώρισαν οί Πάσιος,Κυρια-δόπουλος και Γεωργίου.

ΝΙΧΝ ΤΗ Β' ΤΟΥ ΜΑΛΤΕΡΝ

Η Β' άδων τού Πέλοπα νίκησε τήν αντί-στοιχη τού Μάλτλαρκε με 6-3 και πέρασε στύν επόμεινο γύρο.

Τήν νίκη της ή ελληνική ομάδα έφτασε τήν 9η στύν παράσταση και τά γκόλ πέτυχαν ο Λαζόπουλος 3, Φλέβι 2 και Χατζηκόστας.

Ήταν οί Μπαβάρας, Άρβανίτης,Παλασ-τής,Παλαντίτης,Δομας, (Σομαβόγλου),Φέ-λεν,Δ.Γκαζόνης,Αλιδόπουλος,Μ.Σομαβό-λου,Λαζόπουλος και Χατζηκόστας.

ΟΙ ΠΑΡΑΤΗΛΟΙ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΛΤΕΡΝ ΚΑΙ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΛΟΠΑ ΑΝΕΒΑΝ ΚΑΙΣ ΣΤΕΦΕΝΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΤΑΥΑΝ ΟΥΤΑ ΟΥΔΙΑ ΤΣΕΡΑΤΑ

Εν' αθήνα πάλαικα με όλες τους τίς δυ-νάμεις οί παλαίμαχοι τού Μάλτερν και τού Πέλοπα και άπέβεισαν πολλοί πώς άν και έχουν κέρσει τά χρόνια τους έν τούτοις τήν μάλλα έν τήν εαχάνε και τήν τέχ-νη της.

Αυτός αυτός άριετοί ήταν τρουερά κερά-τοι και νά ά μπορούσαν νά έβγαλαν έναν άπό μη άγώνα.

Εν' ά' μέρος πού άδωνική και άποτελεσμα-τική ή άδων τού Πέλοπα προηγήθηκε με 3-0 νάτι πού τήν έκανε σθένεπακήση άν παί-ζει πού άνετα άλλά οί παλαίμαχοι τού Μάλτερν πού άναυστήθηκαν πέρασαν στύν έπί βση και μέλυσαν τήν διαφορά σε 3-2 γινά άν γίνει τού παγινά τού τελευταία λεκ-τά τής συνάντησης με μεγάλο ενδιαφέρον.

Τελικά τήν νίκη ήρε ο Πέλοπας με 4-3 και τά γκόλ γιά τήν νικήτρια τά πέτυχαν οί Βαλαβάνης 2 και Β.Γαϊτάνης,Πάσιος. Άπό τού Μάλτερν τά γκόλ πέτυχαν οί Γ.Μί-τωσας,Μήλιος(πέναλτυ) και Προκοπίου. Με τούς παλαίμαχους τού Μάλτερν έπαιξαν οί: Πράτης,Δεληγιάννης, Γιάς, Μήλιος, Γ.Μίτωσας, Βαγιάτης, Προκοπίου, Η.Κωστο-κωνάλης, Πάλ Μίτσινας, Α.Κωστοκωνάλης, Καντζιουράνης, Νίκογλου, Μπογιάνου.

Με τούς παλαίμαχους τού Πέλοπα άγανίστη-καν οί Κουτσήρης, Ζαχαριάδης, Κεοφάντιος Κουρεβλής, Παπαδόπουλος, Χρ.Γκαζόνης, Λαζάρου, Ιακωβλάς,(Κοστορόπουλος), Β.Γαϊ-τάνης, Δροσάκης, Αλιδόνης, (Α.Γκάσπα-ρης), Σομαβόγλου,Παυλάδης.

Όσοδήποτε ή διοργάνωση τού Μάλτερν πέ-τυχε άπόλυτα και άξίζει συγχαρητήρια τού σε οί διοργανωτές άλλά και όλοι οί παλαί-μαχοι πού έδωσαν τού παρόν και άγανίστη-καν άσχημα άν μερικόν τού τέλος της συνά ντησης είχαν...πιαστεί.

Διαιετήης τού άγώνα ήταν ο κ.Σούτχιος Βε-ρόνιος πού κέρδισσε νά μη γιουχισθεί χόρος και μόνο στήν... τέλειου σπουρίτη-ρα τού πού τήν ήρτίσε γιά ένθύμια....

ΣΤΑΣ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΙ ΠΑΛΑΙΩΝ ΣΤΕΦΕΝΙΣ ΚΑΙ ΜΕΤΑΥΑΝ ΟΥΤΑ ΟΥΔΙΑ ΤΣΕΡΑΤΑ

Ο Κωνσταντίνος Άνεζάκης ο γενικός Άρχηγός της "Ελλάς" ελεγχόνης ο όποιος γιά 6 δώ-δεκα χρόνια κρέπτε τή θέση αυτή με άπό-λυτη έπιτυχία, έπρόκειτο προχθές άενετήρα άν έποβάλε: τή παρατήρηση τού γραπτή στύ Δ.Μαυροβόλου τής "Ελλάς".

Εν τόν φιλικόν κορυφαία παράγοντα πού μιλήσαμε άπέφυγε νά μάς πει τήν άλήθεια και τή άκριβή τόν έκανε νά πάρει τήν άπόφαση αυτή πλην όμως έν έκυρσε τήν κίττα τού γιά μερικόν πρόσωπα μέσα άπό τήν κυνολόγισσα τά όποια άν και γυρωρίουν καλά τίς άφες πού είναι άμέρητες και πού σπαταλάει με τήν ομάδα εν τούτοις έν εί-ναι και λίγες οί φορές πού τόνέχουν πι-κνάνει.

- θά φήγώ,μάς είπες,γιά νά πεί ο σόλλο - γος καλά. "Ισως νά νομίζουν πολλοί ότι είμαι έγώ ή αιτία γιά τή σφάλματα πού έ-γιναν.Πιερσισότερο όμως θέλω νά γράψετε ότι σπαταλώ γιά επαγγελματίες ύποχρεώ-σεις. Άρκετά μέχρι τώρα συνόδευσαν τήν ομάδα παντού και ποτέ έν άποσταλά άπό κανένα άγώνα. Έθελω νά ξεκουρασθώ. Άλλω-τε όσες καί θύσεις νά κάνει νάνεις τού εφ-χαριστώ όποια καί ό όποιος."

Ανεπρό-πικραμένος νάς μιλήσε ο κ.Αναζά-κης και έμεισε βέβαιος ότι έν έν ά έλά-ζει τήν άποαφή του.

Ήναι όμως κρύμα νά πούνουν τέτοιον πού-νους από τίς άδίες μας και τόν κ.ινε-ζήκη μπορείς άνεπερίφραστα νά τόν χαρα-κτήριζουμε σάν κορυφαία γιάτι άνέστρεψε πά-ρα πολλές άφες στύν άγανιστή τόν ομάδα και έν είναι λίγες οί φορές πού έβαλε τού χέρι στύν τσέπη πρσάντων στους άγώ-νες όν βρισκόταν με τήν Ελλάδα ενά έκός έόρος παγινάκια της.

Όσοδήποτε ή κυνολόγισσα δύσκολα θά άν-πλάσει τού κενό του. Άντικειμενικά όταν ο πρόεδρος τού "Άλ'εαν δρου κ.Σάβ Νουλιόπουλος άκουσε γιά τήν προτίτηση τού κ.Ανεζάκη νάς είπες: "Αυτά μάι νά ανώδω νά πούνουν τέτοιον άτομα ή-πό τούς συλλόγους μας.Προσπατεί άν ήμου-να εύτυχής νά είχα τόν κ.Ανεζάκη συ-νεργάτη μου".

"FROM THE PENALTY SPOT"

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"PLAVI" BIRAJU NOVI UPRAVU

Prošla je jos jedna burna sezona, koja se ipak sretno završila za "plavi" tim, jer je JUST za dva dana izgovorio opozitaj od Philips lige. Uveliko se vrše pripreme da nova sezona bude bolja i sretnija, što zavisi od mnogih okolnosti, od kojih su mnoge izvan ljudskih mogućnosti. Vечina navićana smatra da je izbor nove uprave najvažnija stvar u ovom trenutku. Kada se ova brigа skinе sa dnevnog reda na vreme, onda se sve ostale probleme lakše rešavaju. Ali nije uvek tako, jer jedno su zel je a drugo je stvarnost.

Prvi kandidat za predsednika JUST - a je Zika Karic, koji uziva podršku svestica ovog kluba, kao i veliki broj mladih i vrednih igrača. Sigurno je da ce se pojaviti i drugi kandidati, jer sudbina "plavih" lezi na sruju jednog i jednog godinama navijaju za JUST.

Bez obzira ko dobije izbore, članovi moraju biti jedinstveni. Bez zajedničkih napora JUST ne može bolje proci nego ove godine. Imati doslednu vrhуnu do početka nove sezone da se urade korisne stvari, ali osnova je jak i dobar tim. Uspehi na zelenom polju, dopunjuju i ostale uspehe.

Do godišnje skupštine, koja je predviđena za 30. oktobar, neće prestati aktivnost u "pla-

septembra drugi tim JUST-a, koji jos uvek trenira, okupice se oko rostila ja na igralistu, gde ce menadzer Spaso je Mitrovic pocasiti igrace i sve ostale, koji su pomogli da se ovaj tim odrzi u drugoj divizionu.

PLAVA NOC se odrzava u Southern Cross Hotelu u petak 15. oktobra.

KUP UTKAMICE U MELBURNU

U drugom kolu Metropolitan Kupa Frankston Pines je pregazio Altona Gate/VARDAR sa 5.0 (3:0). Vardar je igrao na svom igralistu, ali zbog turne je na Tasmaniji nije se mogao truditi, sto su gosti iskoristili da napune domacinovu mreзу. Posto se je Vardar oporostio od Kupa, u petak uvece leci za Hobart, gde sutra dan igra protiv Olympica.

DALLAS CITY - LA-LOR/SLOGA 4:2 (3:1). Domaci tim je neoecekivano pobedio Slogu, koji je nastupila sa svega tri prvotimca. Strelci za Slogu: Bil Lazarevski i Lazar Cerganovski.

SPRINGVALE UNITED - BURNLEY 0:1 (0:1). Bratsvoje Kinstivo je ispalio iz Kupa svojom Krivicom, jer je olako shvatio utakmicu.

JAWLSBIRM - BALLA-RAT 1:0 (0:0). Pobedonosni gol je postigao Drago Bulic glavom u 68. minutu posle kora-rena, koji je izveo izvan terena. Nije odigrali finis utak-kanje. Iste vecer Hawksburn je odrzao PRESENTATION

ZIKA NIKOLIC

JUST-ovom igralistu, koji je savez prvobitno predložio.

Finale Industrijskog kupa izmedju Ju Boscha i TAA igra se u nedelj 12. oktobra. Jova Milinov, koji igra za Boscha, nada se da ce po treci put osvojiti Black Douglas Kup, koji je dva puta osvajao sa Tarsk-om. Pored Milnova za Boscha igraju sledeci nasi momci: Leo Matic, Roman Petelinic, Jozа Rajher, Miro i Tony Placko, Petko Tomic, Stjepan P i ostali.

Skoti su proste nedelj je ponovo pobedili Jugovice, zahvaljujuci golmanu Milanu Cvijicu, koji je napustio mreзу da bi razgovarao sa publikom. Skoti su pobedili sa 3:2 (2:2).

Golove su postigli Dragan Dimitrijevic i Stevica Prekop iz penala.

U sobotu 2. oktobra igraju prijateljsku utakmicu Altona Utd./Voivodina i Crvena zvezda na Paisley Reserve u Altoni. Rezerve pocinju u 1, a

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